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## One passenger released: negotiations deadlocked

# Hijackers shoot dead Kuwaiti Army official

## Kuwait feared a suicide crash

LARNACA, April 9. (Agencies): Kuwaiti authorities yesterday feared that after the hijacked jumbo took off from Mashhad in northeast Iran, the hijackers might attempt a spectacular suicide crash into Kuwait airport or the royal palace.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the fears arose after Kuwaiti officials debriefed 49 freed passengers and crew members who were brought back to Kuwait from Mashhad.

The diplomats did not say if the hijackers had made any specific threat to stage a kamikaze-style crash, but reported the Kuwaitis were "genuinely concerned" about that possibility.

On Friday the Iraqi pilot and passengers of the airliner pleaded for their lives as the jet circled Beirut airport forbidden to land.

Tense exchanges between the Boeing 747 and Beirut control tower highlighted the drama and terror aboard the plane.

"Control tower, control tower... can you hear me, can you hear me, Kuwaiti, Kuwaiti. They are forcing me to land. We don't want to land. If we don't they will shoot us."

"They are forcing me to land. Please, please answer me."

But Syrian Army officers controlling the airport categorically refused permission and threatened to open fire.

As the plane ran low on fuel, a hijacker took the radio and screamed at the control tower: "I am the hijacker talking. We don't want a confrontation with you. We have members of the Kuwaiti royal family."

A tower official replied: "Don't get angry... I cannot allow you to land in Beirut."

Two passengers added their pleas.

"I am Anwar Khaled Al Sabah, one of the passengers of the plane. Please allow us to land at the airport," a sobbing woman member of Kuwait's ruling family said.

A man said in a trembling voice: "My name is Khaled Al Ghabandi, one of the passengers of the plane. The plane has no fuel. We have to land. The passengers are scared. I am speaking on behalf of all the passengers."

The pilot again begged for landing rights.

"I beg you, I kiss your hand, I beg you again, please let me land. I swear I understand all your reasons, but I beg you because I have human lives at risk here. I beg you to allow me to land."

"You are wasting your time here," an official told them as darkness fell.

A hijacker threatened to crash the plane into the airport, but it eventually turned away out to sea and landed a short time later at Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

**Protesters hurt**

TEL AVIV, (Reuters): Israeli troops wounded at least two Palestinian protesters today in what an Army spokesman described as "a quiet day" in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**Concerned**

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If the withdrawal agreement,



## Sheikh Saad appreciates Cypriot efforts

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, said yesterday that Kuwaiti and Cypriot authorities are continuing their efforts to secure the quick release of the passengers aboard the hijacked Kuwaiti plane.

The Crown Prince thanked the Cypriot authorities for their concern and for allowing the Kuwaiti plane to land in Larnaca airport.

He hoped that Cypriot officials' efforts would be successful in releasing the passengers and the aircraft.

**Team**

Meanwhile, officials at Larnaca airport Cyprus said a Kuwaiti negotiating team reached Larnaca at 2 am yesterday (2300 GMT Friday) aboard an executive jet "to cooperate with Cypriot authorities in securing the release of the people on the hijacked aircraft."

Eight people, identified as senior diplomats and aides, got off the plane and were escorted by armed Cypriot police officers into the terminal building to meet Cyprus' Foreign Minister, George Iacovou, and Interior Minister Christodoulos Veniamin, the officials said.

One of the diplomats was identified as a member of Kuwait's ruling Al Sabah family, three of whose members are on the hijacked airliner. But the officials did not name him.

**Sikhs may have Stinger missiles**

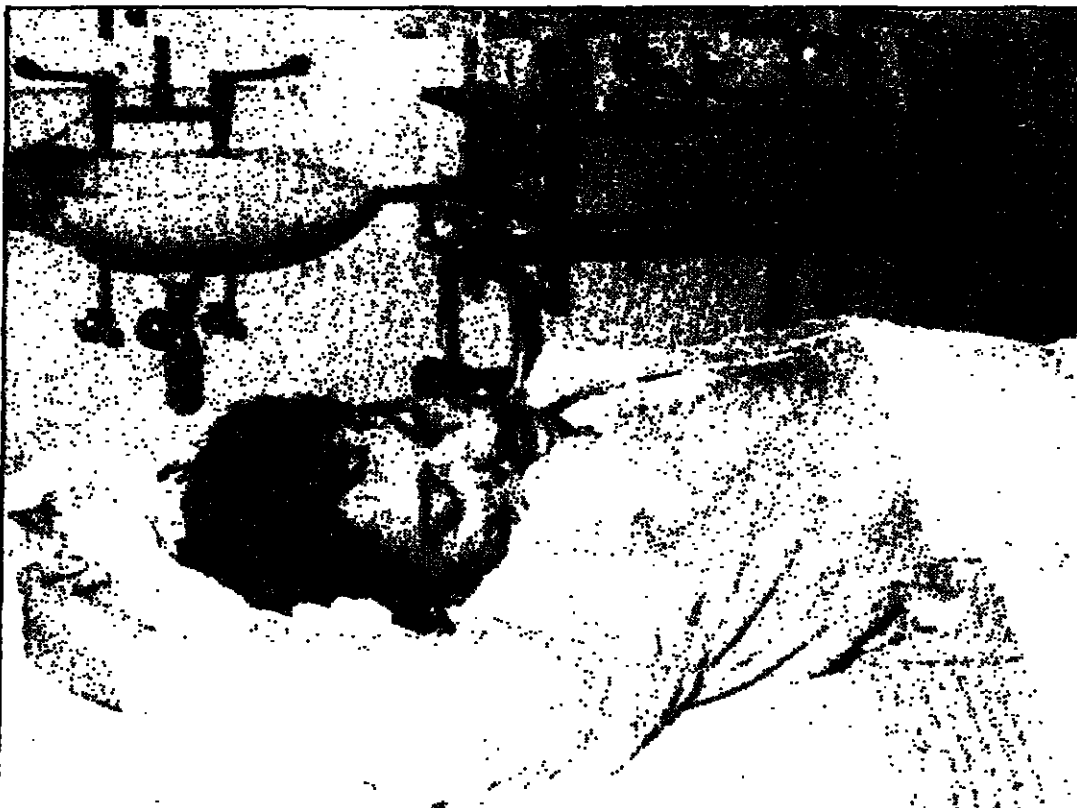
AMRITSAR, April 9. (AP): Police officials said today they fear that Sikh extremists have acquired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and have hidden them inside the Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine.

Acquisition of the US-made shoulder-launched missiles would be a major increase in weaponry for the extremists, who have been waging a guerrilla war since 1982 for more political autonomy or an independent homeland in northern Punjab state.

**Suggest**

The Sikhs have largely relied on knives, swords, pistols and automatic rifles. Last month, the extremists used rocket-propelled grenades for the first time in three attacks on police and paramilitary units.

A senior Punjab police official said in an interview that "initial intelligence reports suggest the militants inside the temple may have Stinger missiles with them." He spoke on condition of anonymity.



The body of the Kuwaiti killed by hijackers lying in a Larnaca hospital. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Asked if Cyprus would reciprocate the release with anything, Fantis said: "Nothing, the man was sick, exhausted and has been taken to hospital. His return is a good gesture but they still insist on leaving without releasing any of the hostages, and so we have come to a deadlock."

The PLO negotiator said in an interview later that the Arabic-

speaking hijackers kept their faces covered during the talks and he was unable to determine their nationalities from their accents.

"During my last encounter with them, they told me that this was it for the night and they would not talk to us again until morning," he said at 9:50 pm.

"They have not made new threats and have not set any deadlines."

Cyprus television reported that the hijackers initially "proposed that five hostages be released in exchange for refuelling of their aircraft and its departure from Cyprus."

They later suggested that "half the passengers" be freed in return for the release of similar number of the 17 held by Kuwait, it added.

Finally, the TV said, the hijackers proposed that the three sentenced to death be released in exchange for half the passengers, adding that when the trio's release was confirmed, they would let the remaining passengers go.

Senior Cypriot officials declined to confirm or deny the television report.

**Positions**

The hijackers executed the passenger with three gunshots fired at point-blank range from behind the ear about 11:35 am, an hour after the lapse of their deadline for refuelling the plane, a Cypriot government spokesman said.

Airport authorities said privately they expected the killing to harden the positions of Cyprus and Kuwait, which has refused to release the 17 prisoners.

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## Leiri to be brought back soon

By Jadranka Porter

IBM, a company with extensive business dealings with Khorafi Business Machines which employs Fadhil Abdul Rasoul Leiri, a Kuwaiti hostage released yesterday in Larnaca, is prepared to send a private jet to Cyprus to bring him home.

"We want to get him out of Cyprus as soon as the authorities allow us," said Mustafa Rugibani, the IBM regional manager who flew to Kuwait from Paris three days ago following the hijacking of flight KU 422.

Rugibani left last night for Cyprus where the IBM staff from the company's two offices, in Larnaca and Nicosia, are looking after Leiri.

One of Leiri's colleagues in Kuwait said yesterday: "We are

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## Bomb blast in Sharq

AN explosion occurred in a police parking lot in Sharq, in Kuwait city yesterday, but caused no casualties and little damage, police said.

Police near the scene said the source of the blast near a police car was being investigated.

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## LARNACA, April 9. (Agencies):

Hijackers holding about 50 hostages aboard a Kuwait Airways jet today shot to death their first passenger, a Kuwaiti Army official, in the five-day ordeal after officials refused to refuel the plane.

The terrorists later released another Kuwaiti passenger as a "sign of goodwill."

"Send a priest, a coffin and an ambulance as we are going to throw him out onto the tarmac," a hijacker told the Larnaca international airport control tower in Cyprus after the killing. The hijackers wrapped the body in a gray tarpaulin and threw it onto the tarmac where it was picked up by an airport ambulance.

The victim was said by the hijackers to be a high-ranking security official.

**Declined**

In Kuwait, Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad said the dead man was "one of three persons carrying military status who were returning from a holiday aboard the plane."

He gave no other details and declined to name the other members of the Kuwait armed forces, he said, remained aboard the plane.

A six-member Kuwaiti delegation, the second to arrive in 15 hours, flew into Larnaca this afternoon after the second direct talks.

Cyprus government spokes-

man Akis Fantis said the delegation was led by Kuwait's Minister of State for Service Affairs, Issa Mohammed Al Mazidi.

The delegation was briefed at the airport by the first eight-member delegation led by the director of Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Hours after the body of the dead man was removed, the terrorists released a passenger identified as Fadhil Abdul Rasoul Leiri, 32, a Kuwaiti computer expert, for unspecified "health reasons." Fadhil is a Shiite.

The release came after a series of negotiating sessions between the air pirates and a team comprised of an aviation official and two members of the PLO.

**Control**

"They handed him over to me a short while ago as a sign of goodwill," Milad Abdu, one of the PLO officials, said at 8 pm local time in a telephone interview from the control tower.

Shortly after the release, however, a Cypriot government spokesman said efforts to end the drama appeared to be in deadlock.

On their part, the hijackers reminded Kuwaiti and Cypriot authorities that they were still vehemently adhering to their original demand.

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the release of our 17 brothers from Kuwaiti prison. Please reply Kuwait and stop gambling on our retreat and our demands," the hijackers told the Larnaca control tower.

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## Israel claims it can deal with missiles

TEL AVIV, April 9. (Reuters): The Israeli Army Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, sought yesterday to allay fears of possible Arab nuclear or chemical attacks on Israel.

The fears were caused by the recent deployment of Chinese-made medium-range missiles in Saudi Arabia and the reported use of chemical warheads in the Iran-Iraq war.

"Every state considering using these types of weapon weighs the possible gains and damage to itself first... I'm convinced they know our ability to hurt them is far greater," Shomron said in an interview on an Army-run radio station.

**Effective**

"We can deal with the threat by deterrence, by defensive and offensive means and by effective civil defence," he added.

Shomron said missiles such as the Soviet-designed Scud carried

only a ton of explosives while any modern combat aircraft carried at least five tons and could deliver them more effectively.

"The problem of the missiles today is not so great," he said, adding that Arab air power was inferior to Israel's.

Asked if Israel had the capability to launch missiles at Arab states, Shomron replied: "So I've read in the newspapers."

**Concern**

China's sale to Saudi Arabia of CSS-2 missiles, capable of delivering nuclear warheads to any part of Israel, sparked concern in the Jewish state and hints by a senior Israeli official of a possible pre-emptive strike against the Saudi batteries.

The Israeli reaction, in turn, drew a statement of concern from the United States and warnings of retaliation from other Arab states if Israel attacked Saudi Arabia.

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In addition, Kuwait has been a target of several Iranian aggressions in the form of attacks on Kuwaiti-owned cargo vessels in

the Gulf and attacks on targets inside Kuwait. The last one was an attack on the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan on March 30.

On the Palestinian issue the mini-summit is expected to undertake measures to intensify efforts at the Islamic and international levels to support the PLO and the uprising and uncover the racist policies and practices of the PLO.

**Concerned**

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If the withdrawal agreement,

which was announced by UN mediator Diego Cordovez on Friday in Geneva, is signed and implemented, Afghanistan's membership to the OIC will be restored.

The Presidents of Turkey and Pakistan arrived in Kuwait yesterday for the meeting.

Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq heads a committee on science and technology while Turkish President Kenan Evren heads a committee on economic and trade cooperation.

The Moroccan Premier Azeddine Laraki also arrived yesterday.

Before his departure Zia said in Islamabad, Pakistan, that the meeting has no fixed agenda.

## Soviets offer asylum to Kabul leaders

WASHINGTON, April 9. (UPI): Soviet officials, preparing for a May 15 troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and the probable fall of their puppet Kabul government, have begun offering asylum to top Afghan political leaders, according to Reagan administration officials.

There are also intelligence reports that some senior Afghan communist officials have already left the country under diplomatic cover and will not return, the officials said.

Administration sources described a number of Soviet steps already under way to prepare for the withdrawal tentatively announced on Thursday in a joint statement by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Afghan President Najibullah.

The sources said the only remaining roadblock to ending the nine-year-old Soviet occupation is the signing in Geneva of an agreement between Pakistan and Afghanistan setting a firm evacuation timetable.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Emergency declared in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, April 9, (Reuters): Troops and tanks patrolled the Honduran capital today to enforce a state of emergency after anti-US riots killed five people.

The government said it had uncovered "a vast plan of terrorist actions... to sow chaos, disorder and unrest" backed by leftist Salvadorean rebels.

It also said in radio broadcasts that drug traffickers had promoted violence.

Protests flared over the controversial expulsion of suspected drug baron Juan Ramon Matta to the United States on Tuesday and over Washington's pervasive influence in Honduras.

Hundreds of troops and police, backed by half a dozen tanks, stood guard in quiet streets. Restaurants and bars, usually open into the early hours, were almost all closed on Friday.

Four bombs exploded in Tegucigalpa on Friday and protesters set fire to seven vehicles in the city of San Pedro Sula, 160 km north of the capital, the government said.

## Decree

President Jose Azcona called a special cabinet meeting on Friday and decreed a 15-day state of emergency in the two cities to try to quell the unrest. It was the first state of emergency declared in Honduras in more than a decade.

The measure followed a mob attack on the US consulate on Thursday night. Four people were killed by gunfire outside the consulate and another was burned to death, according to local radio and press reports.

Demonstrators said the expulsion of Matta was illegal as he is Honduran and the constitution bars extradition of Honduran nationals.

The government reported many arrests on Friday, but gave no figures, and said it uncovered a cache of fire bombs at a teacher training college in Tegucigalpa.

Riot police in Tegucigalpa broke up marches to the Congress and the US Embassy with tear gas and shots in the air.

One American was beaten up in the street and foreign reporters were threatened by demonstrators.

## UN-backed accord bound to be broken

## Afghan rebels vow to fight

PESHAWAR, April 9, (Reuters): Guerrillas fighting Soviet and Kabul government forces have poured scorn on the UN-sponsored Afghan settlement, calling it an agreement designed to be violated.

"The mujahedeen... will not be bound by the outcome of the Geneva agreements and they will continue the war," the main Pakistan-based guerrilla alliance said in a statement.

The alliance based in the Pakistani frontier town of Peshawar issued the statement last night hours after UN mediator Diego Cordovez announced the Geneva agreement was ready for signing.

Officials said the pact, which provides for the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the return of some five million refugees, could be signed by Pakistan and the Kabul government no later than April 14.

The guerrillas said the accord,

which also stipulates an end to outside interference in Afghanistan, would be broken immediately because the superpowers had agreed to continue to arm their respective allies during and after a withdrawal.

## Violation

"After the signing of the agreement, continued support to the mujahedeen will mean that this agreement was signed to be violated," the 2,000-word statement said.

"What will be the value of an agreement which is signed with the intention to be violated afterwards?"

The mujahedeen, who receive arms from the United States, China and some Arab countries, have refused an offer by Afghan President Najibullah to form a coalition government and want to establish some form of Islamic rule in Kabul.

The statement, issued by the office of alliance chairman Gul-

buddin Hekmatyar, said the agreement was ineffective and flawed because it did not provide for a new government acceptable to the people of Afghanistan and the refugees.

Pakistan, which provides a home to three million refugees and thousands of guerrillas, would lose respect in the eyes of the refugees if it signed, it added.

Observers in Islamabad say about a million people have been killed and vast tracts of agricultural land rendered unusable for years in the fighting since Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in 1979 to shore up a weak Marxist government.

## Endorsement

The United States and Soviet Union will not sign the Geneva accords between Islamabad and Kabul but will agree parallel 'understandings' to create conditions under which the accords can be carried out, US sources in Islamabad said.

The United States has given a

conditional endorsement to the UN-mediated Afghan settlement providing for a Soviet troop withdrawal but is reserving final judgement until the issue of military aid to the Afghan combatants is clarified.

While the Reagan administration stopped short of an immediate decision to guarantee the accord reached after six years of negotiations, US officials said on Friday they were "delighted" at the development.

"We're delighted," White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker told reporters in California when asked about the accord. "We're pleased with it. We think it's a positive development."

"I indeed think that the chances are good that we will go forward as guarantors," he said. "But I think it is prudent and wise to see the fine print."

"That is why the United States expresses a conditional willingness to become a guarantor," Baker said.



Newly-elected Premier Li (right) talks with new President Yang Shangkun. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Li confirmed as Chinese premier

BEIJING, April 9, (UPI): China's parliament confirmed Li Peng as premier today, electing the Soviet-trained electrical engineer to the post once held by his adoptive father, the revered communist leader Zhou En-Lai.

Li, 59, a leading expert on nuclear power, was elected by the nearly 3,000 delegates of the National People's Congress, China's nominal legislature.

Newly elected President Yang Shangkun had named him personally.

The Soviet-trained technocrat was granted temporary stewardship of the post last November when then-Premier Zhao Ziyang became general secretary of the Communist Party.

Chou served as China's premier and chief foreign policy maker from the communist nation's founding in 1949 until his death in 1976.

Li, while pledging support for the reforms, revealed a conservative bent last year when he joined a campaign against West-

tern liberal ideas. Splashes of crimson, pink and orange flashed throughout the cavernous Great Hall of the People as delegates carefully marked coloured ballots with their choices for a variety of state posts.

Delegates also appointed Yang and Zhao as vice-chairmen of the government central military commission and elected six Deng nominees to it. The slate brings the panel in line with the more powerful party military commission, which oversees the 3 million-strong People's Liberation Army.

Among the military leaders elected were Qin Jiwei, a general expected to become China's new Defence Minister, Army Chief of Staff Chi Haotian and Yang Baibing, head of the Army's political wing and younger brother of President Yang Shangkun.

Li was born in 1928 in Chengdu, and his father was killed by the Nationalists in the early days of the communist revolution.

After his adoption by Chou and his wife, Deng Yingchao, he attended the first communist Chinese engineering institute in the northwest town of Yenan, the base camp of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung during the anti-Japanese war.

## A sharp decline in Mideast arms buying

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): The decline of oil wealth and easy credit has sapped the energy of the Middle East arms-buying spree of the early 1980s, the US arms control and disarmament agency said.

At the same time the development contributed to a \$16 billion-a-year drop in worldwide arms imports, the agency said in a report.

"As late as 1984, the trend in arms imports by developing nations was sharply up in almost all years, fuelled by ambitious force improvement programmes, financed, in most cases by rising oil prices and easy credit," said the annual study of global arms sales released yesterday.

The oil glut and the Third World's debt problems led to a decline in arms buying. Besides, the report said, many of the countries who bought all those weapons in the early 1980s don't need any more now.

The study, "World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers," contains statistics on arms supplying and buying countries through 1986, when weapons imports totalled more than \$34 billion. That compared with \$42 billion in 1985 and about \$50 billion a year between 1981 and 1984.

A sharp decline in Middle East arms imports in 1985 and 1986 was the main contributor to the decline in the world and developing-country totals," the agency said. "From their peak in 1984, Middle East imports dropped an average of 24 per cent in 1985 and 1986."

Military spending by Middle Eastern countries also declined, while the world as a whole was paying more and more for war-making capability. From \$880 billion in 1985, global military spending rose to \$921 billion in 1986, the report said.

## Information

Because of the difficulty of obtaining data on arms purchases, especially in non-democratic countries, the most recent country-by-country information on weapons imports covers the year 1985, the agency said. In that period, war-torn Iraq topped the list, importing \$4 billion worth of armaments, mostly from the Soviet Union.

Iran followed in order by Saudi Arabia, India, Cuba, West Germany, Iran, Libya, Syria, Egypt and the Soviet Union, which purchases large amounts of weaponry from its allies in Eastern Europe.

The United States, which is being urged by its NATO partners to buy more weapons from Western Europe, ranked 23rd on the list of importing nations, with \$600 million worth of purchases.

## Shultz may return for a third time

WASHINGTON, April 9, (Agencies): US Secretary of State George Shultz, back from his latest Middle East trip, is determined to press on with his peace mission and expects to return to the region this year for a third time.

"It's worth swimming upstream," he said of the search for Middle East peace.

Shultz faces an extremely busy schedule during his last year in office with a Moscow summit in May, strategic arms control talks and an Asian trip in July.

But he told reporters travelling with him: "You can always find time for something that holds even the slightest possibility of moving forward."

## Initiative

Shultz returned to Washington late yesterday after a six-day 16,200-mile (26,000-km) shuttle to Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia to try to win support for a new US peace initiative.

It was launched two months ago largely in response to unrest in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in which at least 135 Palestinians, an Israeli soldier and an Israeli civilian have died.

The plan calls for a non-binding international peace conference to pave the way for direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and is based on the principle of trading land for peace.

It also envisages a period of limited self-rule for Palestinians, followed by talks on a permanent Arab-Israeli settlement.

Shultz had hoped Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Jordan's King Hussein would give the initiative impetus by embracing it. But neither has done so.

The Israeli government remains bitterly divided over the plan and King Hussein is wary. "The reaction is just short of negative to positive-scared to death," one senior US official said.

## Britain 'invented racism'

PHILADELPHIA, April 9, (AP): Britain "invented racism" and was forced to accept blacks in politics only because they demanded their rights, the first black Member of Parliament said in a speech.

In an address to the 12th annual conference of the National Council for Black Studies, Diane Abbott said last night that she was told blacks were "distinctly unselectable" and received little support from whites during her campaign.

Before her election to the House of Commons in 1987, the Cambridge-educated politician was accused of anti-semitism and of supporting only the interests of blacks and women, she said.

"It is a common fallacy among Americans to believe Europeans are nicer than Americans and more liberal than Americans," she said.

## Crucial primary in New York

## Jackson, Dukakis set themes

NEW YORK, April 9, (Reuters): White audiences are giving black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson standing ovations in New York as he campaigns for the presidency, while Democratic frontrunner Michael Dukakis receives only polite applause.

Yet the polls say Dukakis is way ahead in the state's crucial April 19 primary vote for the party's nomination.

With the second largest bloc of delegates to the party's July nominating convention, New York has turned into the major battleground for the nomination. If Dukakis wins, he is certain to claim that his nomination is inevitable.

Dukakis criss-crossed New York's rich Long Island suburbs on Friday demanding government action to put a brake on the

drug trade. Jackson made similar stops, saying his lack of government experience would not hamper him in the presidency.

When questioned by senior citizens at one stop about his expertise and ability to be President, Jackson said: "Some office holders are not leaders. Some leaders are not office holders. I am a leader. I have done the most with the least."

## Poll

Jackson received rousing applause and, in some cases, standing ovations at his stops, but a new poll shows him trailing Dukakis by a widening margin.

The respected Marist Institute for Public Opinion reported on Friday that Dukakis was leading Jackson by 47.8 per cent to 31.6 per cent with

seven per cent for the third Democrat in the race, Tennessee Senator Albert Gore.

Three weeks earlier, Dukakis was leading Jackson by 40 to 29 per cent in the same poll.

But the Institute said there was plenty of potential for reversals and said Jackson would be aided by low voter turnout in the primary because of the intensity of his support.

Latest polls show Jackson would be crushed by Vice President George Bush, the certain Republican nominee, in a general election, while Dukakis leads Bush 47 to 40 per cent.

Dukakis borrowed Jackson's anti-drug theme and proposed that the United States provide foreign aid to protect Latin American leaders fighting the drug cartels in their countries.

## Polls show divisions in Iran

TEHRAN, April 9, (Reuters): Iran's parliamentary elections highlighted divisions among the country's powerful religious leaders on how to deal with reform of an economy strained by more than seven years of war, government sources said today.

They said Friday's elections to the 270-seat parliament (majlis) brought into sharp focus differences among conservative and radical factions of clergymen on the role of the private sector.

Divisions could be seen in the varying stands of clergymen — as well as student and worker groups — in urging people through a colourful poster campaign to vote for nearly 1,600 candidates to the single-chamber Majlis.

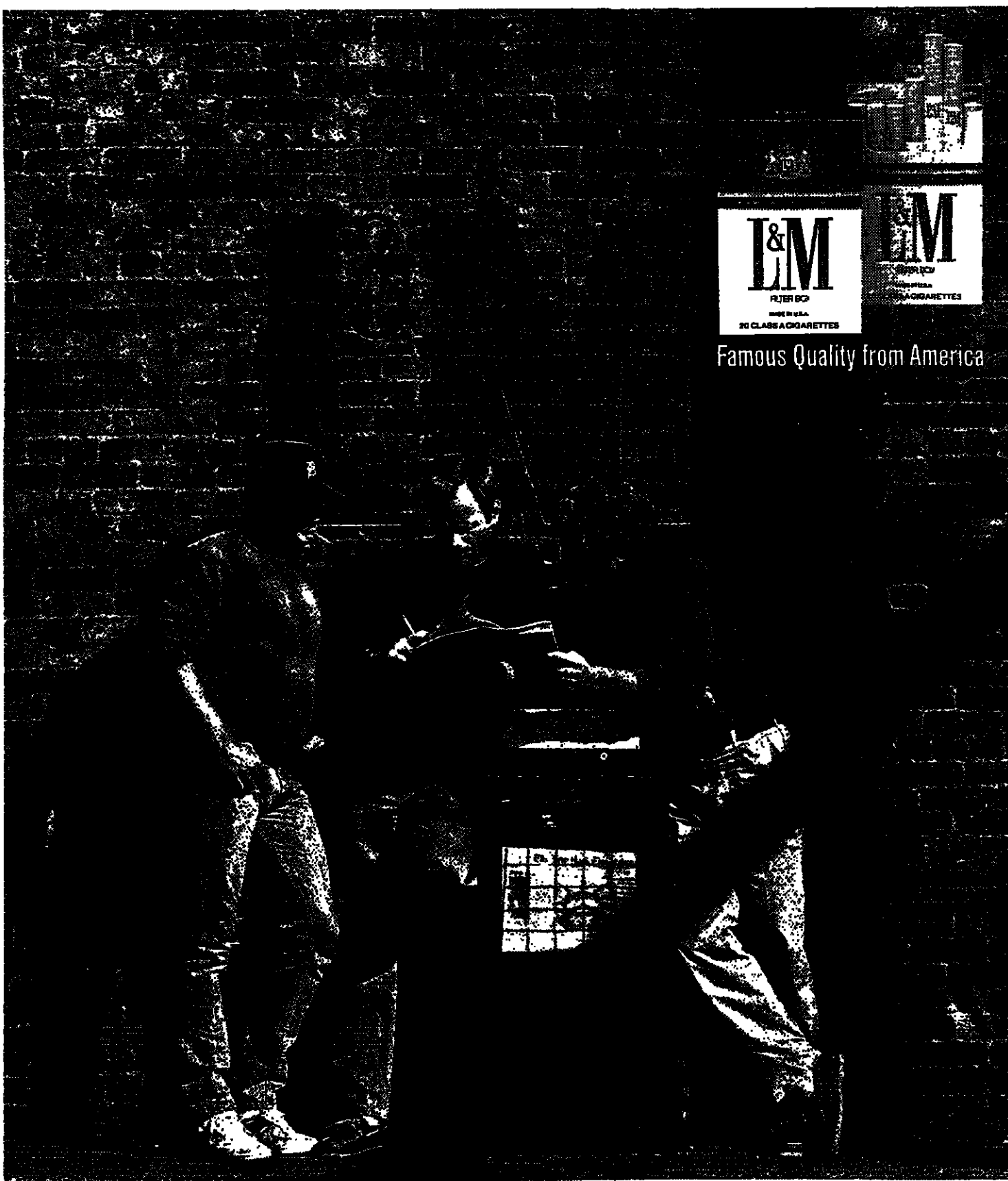
Results will be known in a week.

In the capital, the main contest in the third parliamentary elections since the 1979 Islamic revolution was between candidates backed by the powerful Tehran militant clergymen's association and a hardline break-away faction.

There are no officially recognised political parties and local associations can support candidates only in their own constituency.

Many political tendencies, however, are represented in the Majlis, which has established itself as the main forum of debate on national issues.

"We are for socio-economic reform, but not at the cost of sacrificing the gains of our Islamic revolution," said Ahmad Najad, a professor of English at Tehran University who supports the radicals.



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## The British Council

The British Council has been asked by Brunel, the University of West London, to publish this statement for the information of the public.

Brunel has not authorised any organisation in Kuwait to accept applications, money or documents on the university's behalf.



# UN chief fails to make headway in Gulf talks

UNITED NATIONS, April 9. (AP) The latest round of high-level UN talks on a negotiated peace between Iran and Iraq ended yesterday with no outward signs of progress.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mohammed Larjani, told reporters he had proposed some "new ideas" to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar about how to conduct any further talks.

But his comments indicated Iran has not budged in its objections to the heart of the UN peace effort: a Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire and a negotiated settlement to the war.

The resolution is now nearly nine months old and Iran has yet to endorse it. Iraq did so almost immediately.

The United States, the measure's staunchest advocate, has been saying for months that it is time for the council to enforce the measure by imposing a worldwide arms embargo on Iran.

Larjani blamed Iraq and the United States for bogging down the peace initiative. He complained about the US push for an embargo and he faulted Iraq for insisting that the resolution must be implemented as written by the Security Council — with a ceasefire and troop withdrawal

as the first steps.

Iran, however, wants the UN to condemn Iraq as the aggressor in the 7 1/2-year war and a ceasefire as the initial steps. Larjani said the terms of the resolution must conform with Iran's "desires."

As for a troop withdrawal, he said Iraq is seeking a "safe exit" from territory it has invaded and "there is no safe exit for the criminal aggressor."

Larjani returned to this theme again in his news conference yesterday, saying the Security Council should condemn Iraq for using the banned weapons to prove that it is capable of settling larger conflicts like the Iran-Iraq war.

## Charges

A team of UN experts is currently investigating the Iranian chemical warfare charges and the Iraqi countercharges. Past teams have found evidence Iraq used mustard gas and nerve gas.

Iraqi sources say Baghdad, disgusted with the lack of progress in the talks this week, has decided not to send its Foreign Minister, Tariq Aziz, for the Iraqi round of talks with Perez de Cuellar. Iraq now plans to send a much lower-ranking envoy to New York next week, the sources said, asking not to be named.

Larjani held several rounds of talks with Perez de Cuellar on

Wednesday and Thursday and met yesterday with several Security Council officials.

Iraq said today it refrained from attacking Iranian cities during Friday's general election to permit Iranians to vote.

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted an authorised source as saying no missiles were fired after Iranians began voting to elect a new parliament.

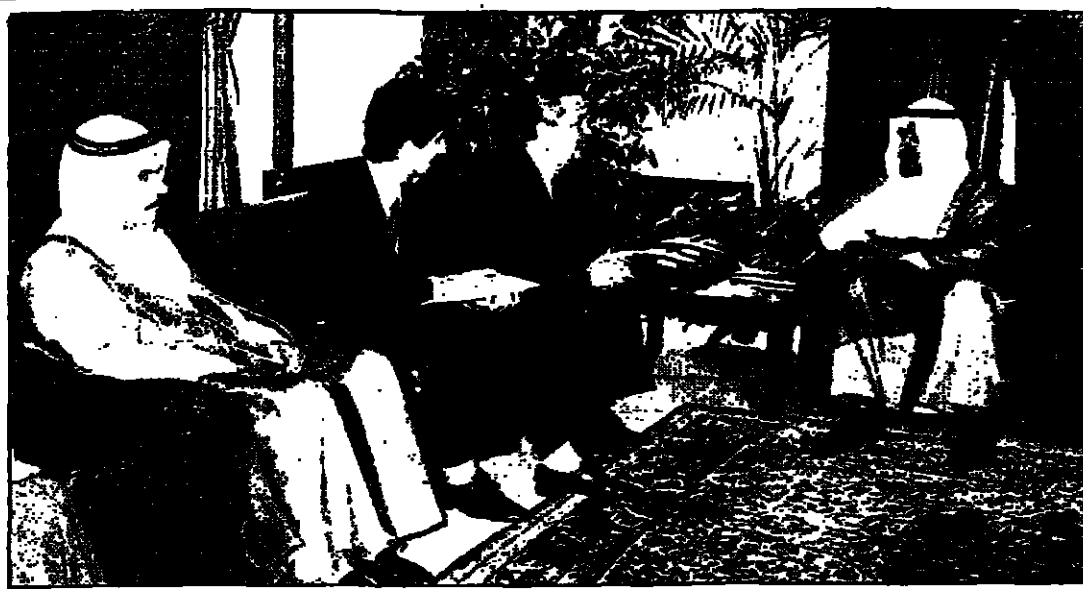
## Fired

However missiles were fired at four Iranian cities — Tehran, Tabriz, Isfahan and Qom — before 30,000 voting stations opened for business throughout Iran.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, said Iranian artillery shelled the strategic Dukan hydroelectric dam in northeast Iraq, where Revolutionary Guards have captured a large chunk of mountainous Kurdistan in the last three weeks.

It was not known whether the dam, 60 miles (95 kms) north of Iraq's Kirkuk oil fields, was damaged.

The Iranians occupy heights overlooking another important dam and power station on Lake Darbandikhan, south of Dukan. Crippling or capturing the two facilities could leave the strategic region around Kirkuk without power.



HH the Amir yesterday met the Deputy Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, Georgy Tarazevich (third left). The meeting was attended by the Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen (left).

## Sheikh Sabah holds talks with Tarazevich

KUWAITI Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, met yesterday with Deputy Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet Georgy Tarazevich, who is currently visiting Kuwait within a tour of the region.

The meeting between Sheikh Sabah and Tarazevich was attended by officials in the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry and the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, Ernest Zverev.

The two officials discussed bilateral relations and means of developing them in various fields. The talks also tackled the Iraqi-Iranian war and international efforts exerted to end it.

where Kuwait has emphasised the necessity to implement security council resolution 598 on the issue.

## Uprising

The Soviet-Kuwaiti talks also dealt with the Middle East cause, the Palestinian uprising inside the occupied Arab territories and the situation in the region in addition to issues of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary, Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen hosted, on behalf of Sheikh Sabah, a luncheon yesterday in honour of the visiting Soviet diplomat and the accompanying Delegation, which was attended by several officials at the Foreign Ministry.

## New telecom tower

A SOURCE at Kuwait's Communications Ministry said the new communications tower, which is currently under construction will provide telex and telephone services for the Ministries of Communications, Interior, Defence and Information as well as the Civil Aviation Department.

The tower, will be built at a height of 372 metres, will have three floors and a basement which will house technical equipment. A tourism tower will also be constructed at a height of 45 metres with a restaurant and ballroom. Additional floors will be built at a height of 170 metres and 193 metres.

The Central Telecommunications Building will be built adjacent to the tower on a 15,000 square metre area. It will be 11 stories high or 66 metres.

The source said the tower was being constructed because of the need to expand the technical services of the telecommunications facilities.

## W. Berlin official ends UAE visit

ABU DHABI, April 9. (Kuna): The deputy Mayor of West Berlin today concluded a four-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

While in the UAE, he discussed with officials ways of promoting bilateral relations in various fields.

## Brunei minister

MUSCAT, April 9. (Kuna): The Minister of Communications Sheikh Hamoud Bin Abdullah Al Harthi received at his office today morning Brunei's Deputy Foreign Minister Dato Haji Zakaria and his delegation, currently on a visit to Oman.

The visiting official was also received by the Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Ahmed Bin Suwaidan Al Baluchi.

Ways of further strengthening cooperation between the two countries were discussed during the interviews, Oman news agency reported.

## Indian official visits Oman

MUSCAT, April 9. (Kuna): Indian State Minister for Foreign Affairs, P. V. Narasimha Murthy, arrived here last night on a few days official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

He was quoted by Radio Muscat as saying on arrival that he is carrying a message from Premier Rajiv Gandhi to Sultan Qaboos Bin Saad. The official did not elaborate on the contents of the message.

He was received on arrival by his Omani counterpart Youssef Bin Alawi Abdullah and the Indian ambassador here.

## No plan to dismiss non-Kuwaiti employees

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said the government has no plans to dismiss non-Kuwaiti public servants. He said the non-Kuwaitis who reach the age of retirement will be requested to do so and those whose contracts expire will not be given renewals.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, Al Rashed explained that the government is attempting to increase and develop the skills of Kuwaiti employees. About 1,700 employees have been trained over the past two years and many are currently enrolled in training courses, he said.

## Denied

He said that authorities are working to carry out the recommendations made by the Higher Committee regarding the development of the administrative division, but denied that the government had any plans to

dismiss complete departments of employees.

Al Rashed denied the government was seeking to lay off as many civil servants as possible, saying such a fallacy was in a sharp contrast with the national development plans and expansion of public services and facilities.

The minister, who is in charge of public plans to introduce administrative reforms in government departments, added that serious and dedicated work has been underway to execute administrative reforms with a view of increasing productivity.

Al Rashed said more civil servants are attending high-performance training, adding that training is a continuous process that would encompass all. He pointed out that plans have been advised with all ministries to hold training programmes for their employees.

## Student from Kuwait on President's List

MISS Kamini Talwar, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Jag Mohan Talwar who reside in Kuwait, has qualified again for inclusion in the President's List of the American Business & Fashion Institute, US, because of her outstanding academic

achievement.

She is a student in the Fashion Merchandising programme.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 4.00 for the quarter.

## Overcrowding in dental clinics

DR JASSIM Hussein, the Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwait's Public Health Ministry for Services and Dental Affairs, said the average number of patients treated per dentist monthly at the ministry clinics was about 6,000. This is an exorbitant number when compared to the average of more advanced countries which report 1,700 patients per dentist monthly.

Dr Hussein explained that the ministry needs to appoint more dentists to reduce the proportion of patients to dentists in the country. He added that technicians and dental hygienists were also needed in dental clinics.

In an effort to decrease the overcrowding in dental clinics, the ministry has asked that dentists worked one hour longer each

day, Dr Hussein said, adding that the Public Works Ministry had completed the design for new dental clinics to be built in various areas throughout Kuwait.

Dr Hussein denied rumours that the Civil Service Commission had approved the appointment of an unlimited number of doctors, clarifying that only 50 doctors had been approved for appointment.

## Transportation talks begin

BAGHDAD, April 9. (Kuna): Official talks between Iraq and Kuwait on the land transportation field began here today, Iraq News Agency (INA) said.

It added that the talks tackled joint cooperation, relations and the draft agreement on transportation of passengers and goods between the two countries.

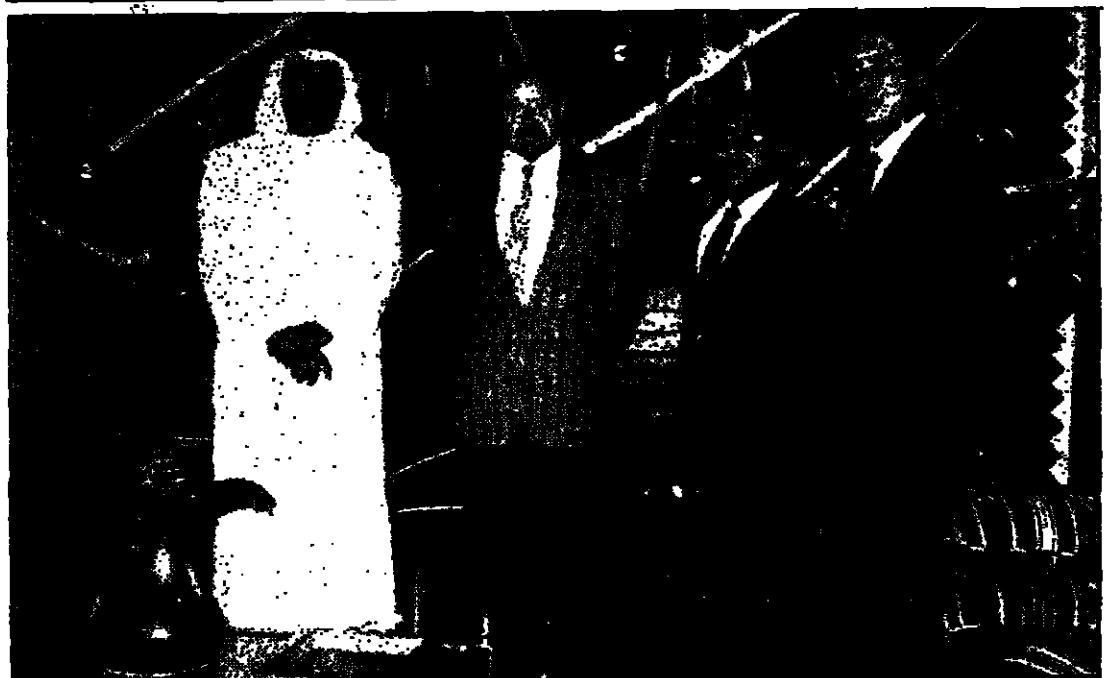
The Kuwaiti delegation arrived here last night on an official three-day visit.

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Malaysia's Culture and Tourism Minister, Dato Sabbaruddin Chik, and Malaysia's Ambassador to Kuwait, Zainul Abedin Bin Alias, were among the guests of honour on the opening night of the Malaysian Week held at the SAS Kuwait Hotel. The guests were entertained with music and dance by a Malaysian folk group. Picture shows (from left to right): owner of SAS Kuwait Hotel, Hussain Marafie, general manager Werner Kuendig, Dato Chik and Bin Alias.

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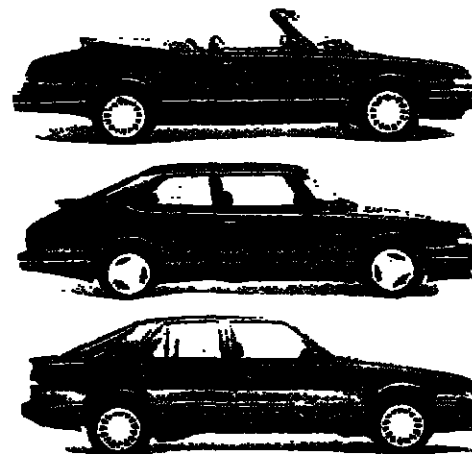
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## Pilots, engineers society deplores hijacking

KUWAITI Pilots and Aircraft Engineers Society deplored yesterday the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner Al-Jabriya by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday and described the culprits as a group of "irresponsible demagogic people."

In a cable addressed to Kuwait Airways Chairman Ahmed Hamad Al Mishari, the Kuwaiti society expressed readiness of members to put their capabilities under the disposal of Kuwaiti authorities in order to put an end to the ordeal, stressing that the incident would not weaken their position nor would it affect their commitment to their ideals and principles.

The Kuwaiti airliner was hijacked last Tuesday while on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait and commandeered by the hijackers to the Iranian airport of Mashhad. The plane stayed at Mashhad airport until earlier today when it was refueled, contrary to a request by Kuwaiti authorities, and took off for a 3:30 hours flight which ended in the Cypriot airport of Larnaca Friday night.

Turkey has strongly denounced the killing of a Kuwaiti passenger on the hijacked Kuwait Airways plane.

Turkey reiterated its condemnation of any kind of terrorist activity.

A press release of the Turkish embassy in Kuwait said: "Terrorism cannot serve any purpose."

## Roudhan meets students union delegation

KUWAIT'S State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan, who is acting Education Minister and Higher Education Minister, yesterday met a delegation from the Kuwait Students Union.

The delegation, led by the union chairman Mohammed Al Dallal, conveyed the students' point of view on the credit hours system regulations, particularly those relating to probation and dismissal.

Al Roudhan told the delegation of the keenness of HH the Amir and of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, about the future of the students and their concern about surmounting all obstacles hindering the progress of the students.

## Technical staff needed

SAQUER Al Sudan, the Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Communications, said the ministry had a number of vacancies in technical positions because of previous resignations. He added that these positions needed to be filled immediately in order to meet the ministry's expanding work demands.

## Chronology of the hijack

# All quiet and suddenly the shouting started

NICOSIA, April 9. (Reuters): "All the passengers were sleepy and suddenly the shouting started."

Five days of terror for the passengers and crew of a Kuwaiti airliner started 30,000 feet over the Arabian Sea, when a man waving a handgun yelled that the plane was being hijacked. This is the timetable since then:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5**  
0230 (all times in GMT) — Hijackers seize control of Kuwait Airways flight KU422 during a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait.

0340 — The Boeing 747, with 97 names on the passenger list and 15 crew abroad, is allowed to land at Mashhad airport in northeast Iran after the Iraqi pilot says he is running out of fuel.

The hijackers threaten to blow up the plane if anyone tries to approach. Kuwait asks Iran not to let it leave.

**Freeed**  
A Jordanian passenger with heart problems is freed. He says there are five or six men armed with hand grenades and pistols.

The hostages include three Kuwaitis from the ruling Al Sabah family — two sisters and their brother.

1500 — The hijackers, speaking in Arabic, demand the release of 17 Muslim fundamentalists jailed in Kuwait.

1645 — The hijackers say the three Kuwaiti royals are "in imminent danger" unless their demands are met.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

Twenty-four women walk to freedom — but not the women from the Kuwaiti ruling family.

Iran says Kuwait has refused to free the fundamentalists but a Kuwaiti government team flies to Mashhad to try to end the hijack bloodlessly.

The gunmen call for a doctor to attend sick passengers and say time is running out. A doctor goes aboard.

In London, Iran's envoy promises Tehran will make no

concessions.

Gunmen repeat that time is running out. "No matter what pressure is used we shall in no way back down on our demands."

Iran says it might refuel the plane to avert a disaster.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**

Hijackers release 32 people but gunmen say about 50 still held, mostly Kuwaitis, are in serious danger and will be treated as "political prisoners." It says the members of the royal family will be among the first to pay a "dear price." Kuwait refuses to negotiate until all the hostages are freed.

The gunmen give Kuwait until 0830 for a positive response to their demands and say that otherwise they will fly out. They repeat their threat to blow up the plane if stopped from leaving. A member of the ruling family tells the control tower the threat is serious.

The hijackers demand fuel but Iran refuses and blocks the runway.

1130 — The hijackers fire five warning shots at security forces and demand that the runway is cleared. The national news agency Irna describes the situation as out of control.

Iran agrees to refuel the plane. Hijackers say they will leave at midnight local time (2030 GMT) and order the runway cleared.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

Gunmen agree to delay departure for six hours, until 0230 GMT, to give time for a fresh attempt to persuade Kuwait to meet their demands, after the Turkish and Pakistani premiers contact the Iranian Prime Minister.

More than an hour after the deadline passes there is no word from Iran on what is happening.

0830 — The hijackers again ask for a starter motor and charger device. They say they will take off at once unless immediately told the results of negotiations.

1000 — Control tower reports "wailing" from inside the plane and says a passenger is being beaten. Three warning shots are fired and a passenger is pulled onto the stairs outside the plane.

1030 — A grenade is thrown onto the tarmac. Iran finally agrees to remove the obstacles.

1115 — Plane takes off, heading west.

1358 — Plane reported heading for Beirut. Officials weary of years of hijacks say it will not be allowed to land.

1457 — Pilot tells Beirut control tower the hostages will be killed unless they let him land. Please, please answer me. The control tower stays silent.

1548 — Syrian troops fire 123 warning shots at plane as it circles the airport for a seventh time. A weeping woman passenger pleads for permission to touch down. A control tower official tells them: "You are wasting your time here."

1647 — Hijackers threaten to crash plane onto Beirut airport. Plane swoops low over runway. Finally heads away from Lebanon.

1877 — Airliner lands at Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
0315 — Captain reports that hijackers say they will begin beating passengers unless the plane is refueled within an hour. He reports a few minutes later that beatings have started.

Hijackers say they want to speak to Cypriot Foreign Minister George Iacovou or Interior Minister Christodoulos Veniamin, later say they want two or three Arabic-speaking journalists to come to plane because they have statement to make.

0627 — Hijackers threaten to kill one passenger unless the aircraft is fully refueled by 0700 GMT, then change the time to 0730 GMT, then 0800 GMT and finally 0830 GMT.

Gunmen tell control tower they have killed one passenger.



The Presidents of Turkey and Pakistan arrived in Kuwait yesterday to take part in the meetings of the Bureau of the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference. Pictures show HH the Amir



receiving the Turkish President Kenan Evren (left) at the airport and talking to Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq (right).

# Hijackers shoot dead Kuwaiti Army official

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Cypriot government spokesman Akis Fantis confirmed that the victim, about 25 to 30 years of age, was a Kuwaiti security official. Neither Fantis nor Kuwaiti authorities would release the man's name.

Fantis said a medical examination at Larnaca hospital showed the man had been "severely tortured at least 18-24 hours before he was executed by shooting at point-blank range behind his ear." He said the medical examination also showed the man had a broken neck.

The slain passenger, said by Kuwait to be a member of the Kuwaiti armed forces who was returning from a vacation, was the first person to be killed aboard flight KU422 since the Boeing 747 was hijacked on Tuesday during a non-stop flight from Bangkok, Thailand, to Kuwait.

Between five and 10 hijackers brandishing pistols and hand grenades initially diverted the plane to Mashhad in northeastern Iran, near the Soviet and Afghan borders, where it sat on the ground for about 80 hours while Iranian authorities negotiated the release of 57 of the 112 people aboard.

Still aboard the aircraft were 55 people, including the five to 10 hijackers and three members of the Kuwaiti ruling family. The passengers were all Kuwaiti nationals. The hijackers told the airport tower that six of their captives were "sick."

The Arabic-speaking terrorists, who were demanding the release of 17 Shi'ite Muslims imprisoned in Kuwait for the 1983 bombings of the US and French embassies and other facilities, forced the Iraqi pilot to take off from Mashhad yesterday and later tried to land at the closed and barricaded Beirut airport.

The jumbo jet circled Beirut airport in a nerve-racking three-hour standoff yesterday during which the hijackers repeatedly threatened to crash the plane while air traffic controllers told them to "go find yourself another airport."

The crisis ended when officials at Larnaca international airport, 125 miles northwest of Beirut on the east coast of Cyprus, cleared the jet to land.

## Action

The killing of the Kuwaiti passenger came about 16 hours after the Boeing 747 landed at Larnaca, 25 miles southeast of the Cypriot capital of Nicosia.

Fantis, questioned about whether the government had considered military action

against the hijackers, said it had been discussed.

In a message to the airport control tower about the killing, the hijackers said: "We did this because you would not give us fuel and you are in agreement with the Kuwaiti government."

The air pirates have repeatedly demanded fuel since they landed at Larnaca about 8 pm last night, but government officials, led by Foreign Minister George Iacovou, have stalled in complying.

Iacovou ruled out the use of force to end the hijack crisis hoping that it would be solved soon peacefully.

Hours earlier the hijackers had carried out a threat to beat the passengers unless Cypriot officials agreed to refuel the airliner. The pilot reported the beatings, the second such incident since the ordeal began, at 7:10 am, shortly after an earlier refuelling deadline had passed.

## Meeting

About three hours after the killing, the hijackers asked authorities to come to the plane for face-to-face meetings and to begin a series of negotiations with government and PLO representatives.

In the first meeting, Michael Erodoutou, the director of Cypriot Civil Aviation, and Abdu, the First Secretary of the Cyprus office of the PLO stood under the plane and talked to the hijackers through the partially open plane door for about 20 minutes.

Erodoutou and Abdu returned to the airport building to brief a Kuwaiti delegation and Cypriot ministers. The hijackers suspended radio contact with the airport tower during the face-to-face talk, airport authorities said.

Shortly afterward, Erodoutou, Abdu and a second unidentified PLO official returned to the plane and mounted the stairway to the door of the aircraft where they were greeted by a lone hijacker. The two PLO men entered the jet and when they came out, Abdu carried a pair of sandals and a bloodstained T-shirt that belonged to the dead Kuwaiti, officials said.

## Arafat

The second round of talks lasted 35 minutes and Abdu said that Kuwaiti, Cypriot and PLO officials then began a separate meeting to evaluate the situation.

In Moscow, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said today his organization had given Kuwaiti officials use of its mission in Cyprus to help them negotiate freedom for the captives.

Arafat told a news conference

in Moscow, where he had talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, that Kuwait had requested use of the PLO mission in Nicosia.

"I put it to HH the Crown Prince (of Kuwait) to put our embassy at their service and do what we can to release the hostages and find a positive end to this tragedy," he said.

Arafat said the Arabic-speaking hijackers numbered six or seven but he denied any Palestinians were among them.

Asked about the PLO's attitude to the hijack, Arafat said: "The policy of the PLO is completely against this kind of event. No Palestinian has been involved in this event. I have been involved as a request from my brothers, the Kuwaitis..."

"We will continue to offer all our hospitality for the sake of our brothers, the Kuwaitis to find a positive end."

## Agreed

Earlier, the hijackers had demanded to talk directly to the Cypriot interior and foreign affairs ministers, but agreed to make a statement on a tape recorder, said airport officials who indicated the statement was being translated.

The secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada today strongly condemned the hijacking and fully endorsed the stand of Kuwait in "not yielding to the blackmail and pressure."

Pirzada also deeply deplored the killing of a passenger on board the hijacked plane and described it as a "very very serious criminal offence."

## Bahrain to host education bureau session

RIVADH, April 9. (Kuna). A fourth extraordinary session of the Arab Gulf Bureau of Education will be held in Bahrain next Tuesday, a spokesman of the bureau said.

The spokesman said that ministers of education of the seven Arab Gulf states, of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates will discuss appointing a new chairman for the Arab Gulf University.

He added that the chairman will be chosen from nominees of the seven Arab states to replace Dr. Mahmoud Safar of Saudi Arabia who was chairman of the Bahrain-based university that was established in 1980.

The general conference of the Bureau will also review progress of construction of the university's building as well as work-related issues, the spokesman said.

## Kuwaiti delegation arrives in Tunis

TUNIS, April 9. (Kuna). Kuwait's delegation to the 89th session of the Arab League Council, scheduled to begin deliberations here tomorrow, today arrived in Tunis.

The delegation, headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Abdul Hamid Al Bejan, comprises a number of Foreign Ministry officials.

Agenda of the council includes a number of topics of Arab concern, topped by a report by the Arab seven-man committee on outcome of its contacts with capitals of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The Iraq-Iran war, Afro-Arab cooperation and Euro-Arab dialogue are among matters included on the Agenda.



● The newly-elected office bearers of the Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, were installed in office last week. The oath-taking ceremony was presided over by the Counsellor at the Bangladesh Embassy, Mohsin Ali Khan, on behalf of the Ambassador, K.M. Shehabuddin. The first meeting of the new office bearers was chaired by the new president, A.S. Tajul Hassan, and held after the swearing-in ceremony. Pictured are the new office bearers.

## Leiri to be brought back soon

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extremely happy that he was released but we shall not celebrate until all hostages are freed."

Leiri, a 32-year-old computer specialist is married with four children — a daughter and three sons.

Nine of the Khorafi Business Machines staff were on the hijacked plane. Five of them were accompanied by their wives. All but Leiri were released while the plane was in Mashhad. Reuter adds: A brother of Leiri, was praying when a telephone call brought news of his release.

"We don't know how to be happy really, how to feel it," said Yacoub Leiri, who has been waiting out the ordeal with his parents, another brother and two sisters.

"We had been sitting together to keep each other under control. We don't know whether to believe it (news of the release). It would be real difficult if we were happy and it was false," he added.

Fadhel's wife Malecha and their children were at her parent's house when they were telephoned by Kuna to say he had been released.

"I can't believe it until I see him here," she said. "It's such a miracle."

The children were asleep and another member of the family said they would be told the news in the morning.

## Service charges for Malaysian hajis to be reduced

KUALA LUMPUR, April 9. (Kuna). The Saudi Arabian government has agreed to reduce service charges for Malaysian pilgrims this year, the Malaysian Minister in the Prime Minister's Office Dr Yusof Noor said.

The minister who returned from Saudi Arabia yesterday told reported that the Saudi authorities had earlier fixed payment at 13 million Malaysian dollar but agreed to reduce it by 3.1 million Malaysian dollar.

He said the decision was made following discussions he had with Saudi Endowment and Haj Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasseh, his deputy Sheikh Abdullah Bugis, senior ministry officials and head of "Muassasah."

Dr Yusof said the Saudi Arabian government had earlier raised service charges following increased rentals and other charges.

"The reduced fees would benefit the 30,000 Malaysians expected to perform haji this year," he added.

## Removal of shops from model areas illogical

THE Kuwaiti Municipality's decision to remove commercial shops from model areas has brought in negative reactions from many residents.

They told a local newspaper that the decision harmed public welfare and was illogical. They added that the closing of these shops would cause many difficulties because cooperative societies could not compensate. They said the cooperative supermarkets would face increased demand and this would cause a hike in the price of most items.

## Replaces

One resident, Abdul Aziz Al Khalid, said some commercial shops in model areas provided a variety of goods at reasonable prices. He said most of these shops were close to houses, and trust had been established between the residents and shopkeepers over the years. He said the municipality's decision was a surprise and offered nothing in

return. He said it was only reasonable for the municipality to get the residents' views before reaching a decision.

Another person, Nasser Al Jasssem, said closing of commercial shops will have an adverse effect on residents, adding that he did not think the cooperative supermarkets could replace the shops. He said that most items at these shops were cheaper than at the supermarkets.

Wael Al Jarallah said that some shops in model areas might give visitors the bad impression that the area was not organised. He supported the municipality's decision, and said that cooperative supermarkets could meet all consumer needs.

Iyad Abdul Salam, said some commercial shops caused a disturbance to residents because many cars parked outside the shops. He backed the municipality decision to remove the shops.

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## GOING PLACES

## Pakistani fascinated by new-look Kuwait



A 1949 photograph of the then Amir and the first Pakistani Ambassador to the Middle East, Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan.

THE new image of Kuwait fascinated a Pakistani who revisited the country after nearly 40 years. Mumtaz Ahmad Khan, a former Pakistani senator, was in Kuwait last week after his first visit in 1949, when he had accompanied the then first Pakistani Ambassador to Iran and Iraq, Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan.

In 1988 the development of Kuwait "amazed" Khan, who had seen the country with its narrow, unpaved roads, mud houses and the simple life. He recalls: "The only paved road was a few furlongs long and was located in front of the Amir's palace, which was an Oriental-style mansion surrounded by

grassless compounds and high mud walls. The only social life was provided by the foreign employees of the Kuwait Oil Company."

The then Amir, Sheikh Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, granted an audience to Raja Ghazanfar Ali Khan and his accompanying delegations.

Mumtaz Khan said: "The Amir did not receive visitors on Fridays but he made an exception in our case." Mumtaz Khan still has a reminder of that meeting in 1949.

The memories of the quiet life are still alive in the mind of Mumtaz Khan, who has now gone back back with fresh images of the country. HS



## Charity bazaar

Spectators at the jewellery stand at the charity bazaar

A HIGHLY successful charity bazaar in support of three charities — the Kuwait Handicapped Society, the Palestinian Uprising Fund and the Muslims in Africa Charity — was held over the weekend at the Regency Palace Hotel.

Among the items on display were copper enamel-ware made by Dr Nadia Gad of the Fine Arts Department at Alexandria University and handmade jewellery by Erica Leitner and Yasmin Parwas. Another favourite was the display of miniature doors with brass fittings.

The bazaar was organised by Suad Al Arfaj together with Al Amwai Company.



Hand-crafted items were plenty at the bazaar.



## Clothes for teenagers

THE young look nice in any attire but if the clothes are made specially for them they look striking, even if they have worn a particular dress for the first time. The latest clothes for teenagers were shown at a fashion show held recently at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. Indian and European clothes were modelled by Rania, Sheetal, Sonia, Kiran, and Ruba. Pictures show some of the models.

The show was organised by the International Ladies Tea Party. Raffle ticket number 009 won the charity raffle. The winner is asked to ring 5317390 before April 15 to claim the prize.



## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News Via Satellite  
3.30 Tan Tan cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
4.25 Wa Ma'tasamah: Arabic serial: starring Siha Saleem, Ta'amah Tarnimi  
5.30 Al Manahil: children's serial, featuring Amal Dabbas, Tayseer Attiya, Rabe'a Shihab  
6.00 Songs and Music  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 Cultural Programme  
7.30 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session  
8.15 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Layali Hilmiya: ep. 14, Arabic serial, featuring Hassan Yusuf, Firdous Abdul Hamid, Huda Sultan  
10.50 Highlights of the

First GCC Theatre Festival held recently in Kuwait. Prepared and presented by Huda Mohiada.  
12.00 News Summary  
12.05 World News Via Satellite  
12.40 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

4.30 Holy Quran  
4.38 Cartoons  
5.15 Local Sports: Ahmadi Camel and Horse Races.  
6.30 Danger Bay: "A Man of Few Words." An aquarium worker is promoted by Dr Roberts but the employee wants a better grade.  
7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly programme on Islamic thought and philosophy.  
7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a lighthearted look at sporting

events.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Trial by Gossip." The new doctor treats a patient with a severe condition.  
9.30 Twilight Zone: "The Last Defender of Camelot." People of the Middle Ages come to life in the modern age.  
10.00 Together We Stand: a comedy about a family who adopt a Chinese child.  
10.30 Best-Seller: "Hoover vs the Kennedys." Part Two. Set during the Black Civil Rights Movement, it recreates the conflict between the then president and the FBI chief.  
12.00 News in Brief/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Bands With A Beat  
0930 Songs and Music  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1030 Pick of the Pop  
1100 Closedown  
1330 News on FM Service

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Baitreen Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Geet-Kahani  
2100 Closedown

## BBC World Services

0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsworld  
30 Musical Masters of the Baroque (ex 10th Play of the Week: Tartuffe)  
0100 News Summary (ex 10th) followed by Play of the Week: 10th Tartuffe contd; 17th The Lion in Winter; 24th Sarcophagus  
0200 World News  
09 The Sunday Papers

15 Cannery Row  
30 Album Time  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 From Our Own Correspondent  
30 Jazz Score  
0400 Newsweek  
30 The Seven Ages of Man  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial Review  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Big Bands — The Singers  
45 Letter from America  
0600 Newsweek  
30 Jazz for the Asking  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From Our Own Correspondent  
45 Book Choice  
50 Waveguide  
0800 World News

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Tough Busters  
Al Salmiya  
Night Stick  
Al Hamra  
Maur Samira (Arabic)  
Starring: Kamal Shinnawi, Ilham Shahin, Ragda  
Drive-In  
Al Mar'at Wal Kanoon (Arabic)  
Starring: Sherihan, Farouk Fishawi, Magda Khateeb

Al Jahra  
Kora Kagaz (Hindi)  
Starring: Jaya Bhaduri  
Graada  
Maang Bhara Sajna (Hindi)  
Starring: Rekha  
Sulabhkhat  
Brazil  
Al Jleeb  
Ithene Neethi (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
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Asr	3.23 pm
Maghreb	6.13
Isha	7.31

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Tunis St.

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Al Phoenix Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahadheel and Ahmadi  
Al Wafa Pharmacy  
Dabbous Palace, Dabbous St, F'heel  
New Khaitan  
Al Fahad Pharmacy  
New Khaitan  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
New Souk

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Ghadir Gallery  
Sudanese artist Hasan Haken is showing his drawings at the gallery in Salmiya Complex. It is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm, until April 21.

Sultan Gallery  
An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasmeen Bhamia is open daily, except Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the gallery, Al Sour St., until April 10. On April 11, a preview of an exhibition entitled "The Islamic Heritage of Spain" will be held at 5 pm.

## CINEMA

## Seminar on cinema

A seminar on cinema and its role in the media will be held on April 13 at 7 pm at the Graduates Society, near Kuwait Hilton and US embassy. A British-American film "Courage Along the Divide," a film on the Arab-Israeli conflict will be shown. Farouk Abdul Aziz, of the Cine Club, and Kuwait University professor Dr. Ghanem Najjar will take part in the seminar. It has been jointly organised by the Cine Club, the Kuwaiti Women's Cultural Society and the Graduates Society.

British Council  
High Rise Donkey, a children's film, will be shown at 6 pm on Wednesday April 13, and 10.30 am on Thursday, April 14, at the British Council gallery in Mansouriya. It is the story of three friends who struggle an ancient donkey into a block of high rise flats.

## Yugoslav Cinema Week

Five short Yugoslav feature films will be shown at the Introducing Yugoslav Cinema week, ending on Wednesday. Tonight's film is: "Who's Singing Over There", directed by Slobodan Sijan.

April 11: "Petra's Wreath", directed by Srdjan Karanovic.  
April 12: "The Maggie Strategy", directed by Zlatko Lavacic.  
April 13: "The Two Halves of the Heart", directed by Vefik Hadzismajlovic.

All films will be shown at 7.30 pm in the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

## MUSIC

## Lakpals

Lakpals, a popular Sri Lankan musical group will perform at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel on Sunday, 6 pm.

## THEATRE

## Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance

The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm nightly at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jabriya. Tickets KD 4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at Mousetrap will be open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

## Stepping Out

Kuwait Players present the comedy "Stepping Out", directed by Ken Winston with choreography by Donna Smith, who also plays the lead, from April 10 to 14 at the Crystal Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Tickets sold out for gala night — dress black tie or lounge suite. Tickets (KDs each including buffet on gala

night and snacks on other nights) available for all other nights. For reservations ring 5331269; 5745838; 5383149.

## SOCIAL

## German-Speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee morning is at the Hilton Hotel on April 13 (Wednesday), 10 am, in the Old Fialaka Room. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Health &amp; Beauty Gala Morning

Reminder: health and beauty gala morning will be held on Sunday, April 10, 10 am to 1 pm. For further details contact Gail Nugent — 5636675.

## YMCA Holiday Special

The Young Men Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messilah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

## Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

## Daniella

The annual family rally will be held on Friday, April 15. For registration contact Connie — 3947693 before April 10.

## SPORTS

## Interscholar Knockout '88

Interscholar Knockout '88 Grand Finale takes place on Wednesday on April 13 featuring four schools: Gulf English

School, French School, Kuwait English School and Universal American School. Games start at 5 pm. Spectators welcome. Minimum ticket prices including barbecue dinner, beverages and raffle prizes. For details contact the hotel.

## PBAK Bowling Tournament

The semi-final and final rounds of the Philippine Bowlers Association (PBAK) handicap bowling tournament will be held on April 15, 9.30 am sharp. The top 30 and nine women's divisions will play three games to select the top 12 (Men) and top four women. Six men and four women will play the step-ladder game.

## Goan Cup Tournament

The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 am. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida — 4813892 ext. 232.

## Ahmadi Kart Club

The annual general meeting will be held on April 12, Wednesday, 7.30 pm, at the kart track. All those interested are welcome to attend. For details contact Sue Andrews — 3982053.

## Colennut Regatta

Al Kubbar Yachting Committee will hold its annual Colennut dinghy-windsurfing regatta on April 14 and 15 at the TEC Sea Club in Fahadheel. Participants with own dinghy-surfboard (competition fee KDS) and spectators welcome. For details phone 4842493

## K.O.S.A.

Kuwait Offshore Sailing Committee (K.O.S.A.) will hold an extraordinary general meeting on April 19, 1600 hours, at Fahadheel Sea Club. All members are invited to attend.

## E.M.A.C. Tournament

A tennis tournament for under-16s will be held from April 13 to 16 at the SAS Hotel. Participating teams are from Abu Dhabi, Oman, Damascus, American School of Kuwait, Universal American School, Kuwait English School and New English School. The tournament has been organised by E.M.A.C. (Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference).

## HOTELS

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## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

HUMAN history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946).

## OPINION

## Kuwait must remain firm

THE hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner is a security crisis for the whole world. It is part of the tension which prevails in a world in which innocent people suffer.

The most dangerous thing, however, is to bow to the threats of the hijackers, who will receive much pleasure if their demands are met. The issue is not the demands they have made at this time. Today they want the release of prisoners; after that they may ask for ransom, and it is impossible to say the extent to which they would go following that.

Kuwait is a free society — its planes fly everywhere, Kuwaiti citizens travel to many countries and Kuwaiti embassies are in most countries. Kuwait's airlines, embassies and citizens are all easy targets for blackmail if the government's position is not strong and decisive in dealing with these hijackers.

During a meeting held by HH the Amir with the editors-in-chief of Kuwaiti newspapers, the Amir stressed that the hijackers seemed to think that the presence of some of the Sabah family members aboard the hijacked plane might weaken the government's firm stand.

HH stressed that the hijackers were totally wrong. The system in Kuwait does not differentiate among citizens — all are equal. These are indeed wise words of the man responsible for justice.

It must be remembered that any concessions made by the Kuwaiti government will not stop or be limited to this particular hijacking. These men may then be encouraged to kidnap individuals and to terrorise Kuwaiti establishments abroad.

A strong, decisive stand is the only way to stop these people and the wave of terrorism spreading throughout the world.

Our hearts are with the passengers still aboard the airplane, and we have nothing to give them except our prayers for their release and safety.

It is regrettable that this incident comes at a time when the presidency bureau of the Fifth Islamic Summit and the permanent committees of the Organisation of Islamic Conference are beginning their meetings in Kuwait. The incident could be aimed at disrupting this important Islamic meeting, which yielded positive results at the Islamic summit in Kuwait last year.

The Kuwaiti government dealt wisely with the hijacking of the Kuwaiti plane two years ago. The Kuwaiti government will show the same wisdom in cooperating with the Cypriot government in solving this dilemma, which is expected to leave victims behind.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## Jailed 17: Kuwait's Achilles' heel

By Philip Shehadi

SEVENTEEN jailed Arab terrorists are the Achilles' heel of Kuwait, again sucked into Middle East violence yesterday with the murder of a Kuwaiti officer on a hijacked airliner to Cyprus.

The Kuwait Airways hijacking is the latest in a series of hostage-takings carried out throughout the region since 1984 on behalf of the 17.

Kuwait-based diplomats and Lebanese security officials say there is little doubt the hijack is the work of Shi'ite Muslim extremists linked to kidnappers holding about 25 foreign nationals in Lebanon.

Like-minded extremists, inspired by the Islamic revolution in Iran, the centre of Shi'ism, are also thought to have engineered a 1984 hijack of a Kuwait Airways Airbus to Tehran and a 1985 TWA hijack to Beirut.

## Demanded

Then, as now, the gunmen demanded freedom for the 17 as its price for freeing the passengers. The Islamic Jihad group also demands the release of the 17 in exchange for foreign hostages it has held since 1984. Kuwait has repeatedly refused.

"The 17 are at the origin of nearly all hostage — taking in Lebanon since 1984," said one Western diplomat.

The cycle of violence dates back to Dec 12, 1983, when a 90-minute series of bombings in Kuwait killed six people and injured 86.

As a suicide truck driver ploughed into the United States embassy, explosions rocked the French embassy, Kuwait airport, oil installations, an electricity and water control centre and housing for American workers.

Kuwait blamed the Shi'ite extremist group Al Da'wa of neighbouring Iraq. In Beirut,

Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility.

Diplomats say there are close links between the Shi'ite extremists of Lebanon, Kuwait and Iraq.

Kuwait authorities arrested 25 suspects and put them on trial in Feb 1984. Five were acquitted, six were sentenced to death — three in absentia — and the rest were jailed for terms ranging from five years to life.

Those convicted are now held in maximum security prisons. HH the Amir has still not ratified the six death sentences.

Diplomats said he was anxious not to provoke extremists groups and their local sympathisers by executing the three in jail — hired Lebanese Christian explosives expert Elias Fuad Saab and Iraqi Baker Abdul Ridha and Ahmed Al Hussein.

Any executions would almost certainly be followed by the killing of foreign hostages in Lebanon, the diplomats said.

At the same time, releasing the 17 would encourage fresh acts of violence, the Kuwaitis believe. "The Kuwaitis have stood firm on this. They feel if they show weakness they will regret it many times," a Western diplomat said.

## Target

The 17 also include 10 Iraqis, two Lebanese, one Kuwaiti and one stateless bedouin.

Kuwait has enjoyed a relative respite from internal sabotage over the past year and diplomats say Shi'ite extremists within the country appear to have lost momentum.

The local daily Al Rai Al Aam appeared to link the hijacking with Kuwait's support for Iraq in its war against Iran.

"It did not enter Kuwait's calculations that one day it would become party to a conflict, except for the tax imposed on it by its membership in the Arab nation and identity," it wrote in an editorial yesterday. (Reuters)

## An opportunity to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict

## Pressure may force Israel to be flexible

RARELY has an American secretary of state been willing to expose himself to rebuffs as George Shultz on his latest visit to the Middle East. But it is his view this may be the last real opportunity to set the stage for a negotiated solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

There is a new fluidity in the situation, as he sees it. On the Arab side King Hussein of Jordan must be aware that the radicalisation among the Palestinians is bound to undermine him and therefore make him more willing to enter into negotiations.

But he is holding back, waiting to see whether Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will modify his position. And on the Israeli side new pressures inside Israel and among the American Jewish community are developing that may force the Israeli government to adopt a more flexible attitude.

Shultz's critics inside the administration say, allowed Shamir to claim victory after his visit to Washington when it was quite the opposite. For this reason, I am told, Israeli correspondents in Washington, have been backgrounded to correct this impression and to make it clear that the visit did not go well.

It's also one of the reasons why Shultz, so soon after the Israeli prime minister's visit to Washington, chose to go to Israel.

**Objectable** Shamir, after his meetings in Washington, gave the impression that it was the United Nations' sponsored "international conference" he found most objectionable in Shultz's peace plan.

But, according to Shultz, that was incorrect. The real reason was that he objected to the basic principle that underlies the peace plan: the exchange of territory for peace, a principle that Israel had previously subscribed to.

The Palestinian objection to the peace plan is that it is based on a two-stage solution, a first interim stage and, about a year later, the final settlement. They fear that the interim stage, which calls for local elections to establish local administrations run by the Palestinians themselves, would become permanent and a final settlement would be postponed indefinitely.

However Shultz is convinced that an interim regime is essential to resolve the central issue, the transfer of land to the Palestinians in a rational way. The American experts believe that unless the interim regime can be

made to work first, the final step cannot follow.

As one of them put it to me: "The Arabs will have to face up to it".

Shultz's meeting with two Palestinian born Americans with close ties to the Palestine Liberation Organisation caused an uproar in Israel where it was seen as a breach of a commitment given by Henry Kissinger when he was secretary of state.

Shultz has come to the conclusions that his plan can only succeed if Palestinians are brought into the negotiating process. It represents a major change in American policy if the Palestinians are willing to show flexibility on their part.

## Side

In the controversy over the role of the international conference the United States is inclined to side with the Israelis in the sense that it should have no veto power over the substance of the negotiations or over agreements reached directly in bilateral negotiations.

This benign role of the international conference is currently unacceptable to the Soviet Union. As Eduard Shevardnadze said here the other day: "... An international conference with authority is at the centre of the process". The Syrian government too wants a conference that would have a certain amount of control over the negotiations to prevent any separate deals and to make sure that Jordan does not act as a stalking horse for the United States.

American officials concede that the conference entails risks the Soviet Union could exploit, but they hope to overcome those by an advance agreement on the ground rules under which it would function.

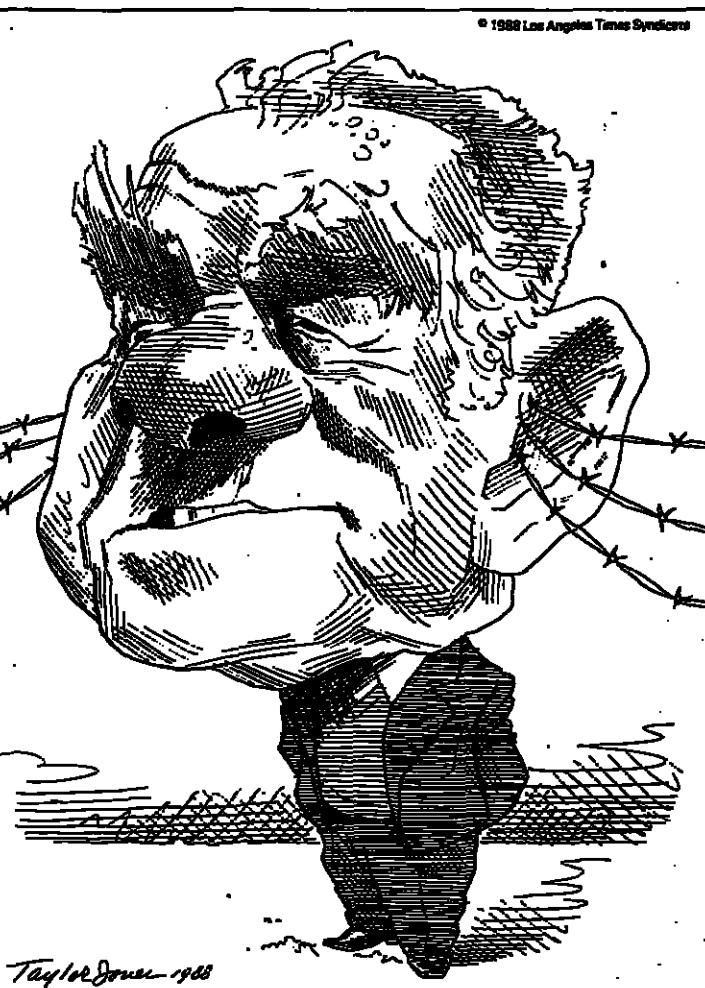
Originally, one of the main reasons for Shultz's trip to the Middle East was the prospect of an early election in Israel. It would have served to underscore the United States' sympathy with Foreign Minister Peres and, hopefully, helped to influence Israeli public opinion in his favour.

But early elections in June are not anymore on the cards. There has to be a three months interval between the dissolution of the Knesset (Israeli parliament) and election day which would mean holding the elections in the summer when the Labour Party feels at a disadvantage.

Shultz is acting like a lobbyist for his own plan on this visit to the Middle East. But lobbyists, it

## Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon

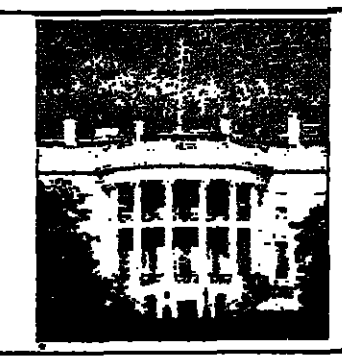


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is well known, must have something to offer in exchange if they want to succeed.

The trouble with Shultz's position is that he has nothing more to offer than a warning that his mission may well coincide with a crucial psychological moment, which if ignored, may never recur, and lead to frustrations and far more serious confrontations than the current ones.

Nothing, in my memory of 40 years of reporting on American electoral politics, has shaken the Democratic Party as much as the sudden realisation that a black — Jesse Louis Jackson — may have



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to be included in the party's presidential ticket.

This realisation is only beginning to sink in and none of the party's elders has a way out of a dilemma to which there is no good answer. Only a month ago nobody thought that Jackson would be in a position to claim a spot on the presidential ticket.

The assumption then was that he would be in a good bargaining position to force the party at the convention to adjust its political programme to his demands. But since then he has been accumulating delegates in the primaries and the prospects are

that he may come to the convention with more delegates than Dukakis or only a few behind him.

Therefore if he continues to score in the remaining primaries, the party will face the following dilemma: If he wins a place on the presidential ticket, the Democrats are also certain to lose, not only because he is black, but because he stands politically too far to the left.

His economic policies, it would be feared, would bring another, and perhaps more serious, collapse of the stock-market, his defence policies which include a 25 per cent cut in the defence budget would be unacceptable to a majority of the voters and his welfare programmes would only further contribute to enlarging the budget deficit.

## Depriving

But if the party finds ways of depriving him of what he and blacks generally consider would be due to him, blacks would stay at home, boycott the elections and thus help to defeat the Democratic candidate. In the long run it could do irreparable damage to the party and cost it its majority in the Senate.

Americans are generally pleased with Jackson's success. It is an indication that racism is in sharp decline, at the same time they are stunned that it is happening so fast.

Jackson's personality, his charisma, the excitement he creates in the audiences, his quick and clever mind and his disarming sense of humour deserve most of the credit for his successes.

The lackluster performances of his opponents has helped him too. At 47 he is relatively young and he need not be in a hurry, but all his friends say that he is. There are nine weeks left of primary races before the party convention in Atlanta, Georgia, an environment that should be to Jackson's advantage.

It is generally agreed that the news media have been treating him with kid-gloves, partly to avoid being accused of racism and partly because they did not take his candidacy seriously.

It will be interesting to see whether those gloves will be taken off now that he has become a serious competitor. I doubt whether editors will dispatch swarms of investigative reporters to look into his past, how he managed to live relatively well and comfortably without ever having been anything else but the

executive director of a charitable institution called Operation Breadbasket and another one called Operation Push.

Nor do I expect them to subject his relationship with women to the same treatment Gary Hart's escapades were pursued. But there is the question of his qualifications for leadership since he has never occupied an elective post, there is a need to examine his policy positions and whether they are practical and in the national interest.

Much of his success is due to his political instinct, his raising issues such as jobs, economic deprivation, tax advantages of the rich, issues that have a popular appeal among labour, the underprivileged and liberal sympathisers.

But he has been talking in generalities and under pressure from his opponents will have to deal with the issues in greater detail. A strong Jackson supporter told me last week that she got a call from a reporter who wanted to know whether she could explain to him Jackson's views on foreign policy.

**Policy** She then went on to say that he call Jackson's headquarters in Chicago and ask for his foreign policy adviser. To this the reporter replied that he had just done that and that the so-called foreign policy adviser in Chicago had suggested that he call her, an opinion poll expert working for a black "think tank". She wanted to illustrate to me how disorganised Jesse's campaign still is.

One of the biggest problems Jackson will be facing in the coming weeks are the negative opinion polls that are beginning to be published. According to the first George Bush, the Republican candidate who is almost certain to be nominated, would defeat a Democratic ticket that included Jackson by 25 points.

On the other hand, a Democratic ticket headed by Dukakis without Jackson would score narrow victory over Bush. If opinion polls continue to demonstrate the liability Jackson presents to his party, he may well, in the interest of his party's future, ask not to be nominated. Yet, at least for the time being, he acts as if he assumes that he would be nominated if he comes to the convention with a majority of the delegates or close to it.

What matters to him, I am told by his friends, is that he wants to go down in history as the first black to win the nomination to the presidential ticket.

## Afghan guerrilla group undermines resistance

By Edward Girardet

PESHAWAR, Pakistan: An Afghan guerrilla group that until recently received a major share of aid from the United States and other countries seems to be undermining, rather than helping, the resistance.

International aid workers and Western diplomats are increasingly critical of the group. It has reportedly hijacked aid destined for other Afghan guerrillas and civilians, kidnapped relief workers, and is suspected by some of murdering a French aid worker and a British journalist. The US and Pakistan have in recent months reduced their backing of the group.

Hezb-e-Islami (Party of Islam), a radical fundamentalist group led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, has repeatedly attacked members of other factions, notably its arch rival Jamiat-e-Islami (Islamic Society). Often, they have pulled out of coordinated resistance operations against Soviet or Afghan government targets at the last minute, leaving flanks dangerously exposed. This has led to suspicion among Afghans that Hekmatyar is saving his forces for a battle against other Afghan groups — if and when the Soviets leave. Hekmatyar and his supporters deny such allegations.

**Defections** Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami (another more moderate splinter bears the same name) is reputedly the largest and most radical of four fundamentalist parties in the seven-party political resistance alliance. But many observers believe Hekmatyar has been losing ground in the past two or three years, including defections by commanders unhappy with the party's tactics. Hekmatyar has been known to have close ties with Libya and Iran, but some Western sources say he has reduced them in recent years. In the past, he has repeatedly castigated the US for its "imperialism".

One West European relief coordinator describes Hekmatyar's Hezb as "an Islamic party with the same Stalinist intolerance and rigidity" of the Soviet-backed communist government party in Kabul.

In addition, encouraged by

Arab Wahhabi Muslim extremists, who provide substantial support, Hezb and another fundamentalist group, the Iti-had-e-Islami led by Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, are pushing to restrict the movements of foreign relief personnel and Western journalists inside Afghanistan. Fundamentalist extremists want to get rid of any Westernising influences in what they think should be a purely Islamic "jihad" (holy war) against the Soviets.

This tendency is causing increasing concern among international relief workers — particularly since Hezb until recently reportedly received more than a third of the aid supplied by the United States (\$715 million in 1987). Saudi Arabia, and other countries. (The aid is distributed by the Pakistanis.)

**Reduced** "By supporting the fundamentalists, we are artificially giving them an influence which they should not command," said Dr Bernard Kouchner of the Paris-based Medecins du Monde recently. Only in the past few months, have Pakistan and the US reduced their backing for Hezb.

Recently returned observers say Hezb has stepped up its efforts to strengthen its position in Afghanistan's northern provinces to the detriment of other resistance fronts. This appears to be playing directly into the hands of the Soviets, whose counterinsurgency strategy aims to divide the resistance.

## Kidnapped

In November, some 300 Hezb fighters in the northern Nuristan region held up at machine-gun point half a dozen guerrilla convoys coming from Pakistan. The convoys, the last through before the winter snows, were bringing weapons, ammunition, and humanitarian supplies to the northern provinces. The Hezb forced the men to continue without their supplies or guns.

Particularly worrying for foreign relief organisations is Hezb's involvement in the hijacking of aid caravans to Afghan civilians. In early October, Hezb forces and a Wahhabi-backed group ambushed a French convoy of 96 horses near

Jurm in northern Afghanistan.

According to relief sources, the guerrillas kidnapped seven doctors of the Paris-based Medecins Sans Frontieres ("doctors without borders"), three French aid workers, and two Afghan translators. They also took a year's supply of medicine — 3-1/2 tons — destined for two clandestine hospitals in areas controlled by the Jamiat-e-Islami. The hijackers then met with a government militia group to decide whether to hand the French over to the Kabul authorities.

"Fortunately, the Hezb commander decided it wouldn't be good for public relations and decided not to," says a French relief representative in Peshawar. The French have since been released and their organisations are negotiating for the return of the horses and supplies.

The Christian Science Monitor.

## Panama intervention controversy puts Jackson on defensive

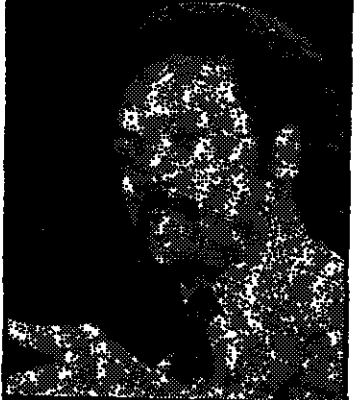
By Tony Barber

KENOSHA, Wis. (Reuters): Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, by involving himself in the US dispute with Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, has left himself open to charges he is a clumsy meddler in foreign affairs.

Jackson's opponents say his foray into the Panama crisis shows he cannot resist the temptation to poke his nose where it is not needed, and that he lacks the sense of responsibility required in a president.

The controversy caught the 46-year-old black civil rights leader just as he was riding a wave of ballot-box successes, rising popularity and good publicity into the key presidential primary here in Wisconsin on Tuesday.

Unluckily for Jackson, who seemed taken aback by the way the issue heated up, it also came



Jesse Jackson

just as some critics and political rivals had begun suggesting he has been getting a free ride from the press and should come under much closer scrutiny for his stands on various issues.

He put his Panama initiative into the spotlight himself on Monday by releasing a letter he had just received from Noriega, Panama's military strongman. It responded to a written appeal from Jackson that Noriega resign for the sake of Panama's people.

Noriega, whose removal is a prime goal of the Reagan administration, turned down the appeal but said he recognised Jackson's "reputation as a great moral authority."

Coming from Noriega, who has been indicted on drug trafficking charges in Florida and who commands virtually no public sympathy in the United States, such praise may prove to be a very mixed blessing.

Jackson's closest rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, were quick to accuse him of blundering into a problem that was none of his business.

"I think it's a bad idea for a private citizen to try to inject himself in this situation at this time," Dukakis told reporters on the campaign trail in Wisconsin.

## Channels

The State Department said it had its own channels of communication with Noriega, if and when they were needed, and it felt those were good enough.

The Panama move recalled two similarly abrupt foreign policy gestures Jackson made — with favourable publicity results

for the most part — in 1984, when he made his first run for the presidency.

In January of that year he flew to Syria and won the release of a captured US Navy pilot. In the summer he visited Cuba and secured the release of dozens of Cuban political prisoners and jailed Americans.

At his campaign rallies this year, Jackson often evokes those gambits to suggest he has unique leadership talents and experience in dealing with men such as Cuban President Fidel Castro and Syria President Hafez Al Assad.

But in the case of Noriega, he appeared to recognize he might have overplayed his hand.

After the criticism began to flow in, Jackson was at pains to stress he had not offered to be a direct mediator in the US-Panamanian crisis.

## Risk

He said he had intervened because he knew Panama well, having visited the country several times, and because he feared President Reagan's strategy for ousting Noriega ran the risk of alienating Panama's people.

Asked by reporters at a campaign stop in Janesville, Wis., if he was planning a surprise trip to Panama, Jackson said: "I have no interest in doing that."

But his exchange of letters has enabled his rivals and critics to make explicit criticisms of his political style.

Dukakis in particular had been unwilling to attack Jackson, partly because some Jackson supporters have been prone to interpret any criticism as motivated by racism.

With his opponents now seemingly free of that obstacle, Jackson may find himself just as anxious as the Reagan administration to remove the Noriega albatross from his neck.

One sign that he may now find himself on the critical hot seat more often came in a pair of satirical barbs from the pen of Herblock, the Washington Post's celebrated and widely syndicated political cartoonist.

The first, a few days ago, lampooned the press for subjecting the other candidates to rigorous critical questioning while greeting Jackson's every statement with adoring cries of "Oh, wow, Jesse."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1552 — France's King Henry II captures Metz and aligns with German Protestants.
- 1694 — Savoy's Duke Victor Amadeus begins siege of Casala in Italy.
- 1741 — Prussia's Frederick II defeats Austrian forces at Mollwitz and conquers Silesia.
- 1832 — French law excludes families of Charles X and Napoleon from France; Turkey declares war on Mohammed Ali, Khedive of Egypt.
- 1864 — Archduke Maximilian of Austria accepts title of Emperor of Mexico.
- 1898 — France obtains concession in China.
- 1932 — Paul von Hindenburg is re-elected German president over Adolf Hitler.
- 1945 — US troops liberate Nazi concentration camp at Buchwald, Germany.
- 1952 — Soviet Union proposes all-German elections be held under a four-power commission instead of under United Nations supervision and rejects Nazi's views on Germany's frontiers.
- 1961 — Adolf Eichmann, former Nazi, is put on trial as war criminal in an Israeli court in Occupied Jerusalem.
- 1963 — US atomic submarine Thresher fails to surface after a deep dive in the northern Atlantic with the loss of 129 lives — the worst submarine disaster in US history.
- 1972 — United States and Soviet Union sign treaty banning biological warfare.
- 1976 — Israel goes ahead with elections in occupied West Bank of Jordan despite rioting.
- 1986 — United States conducts nuclear test in Nevada desert despite growing protests among peace groups and strong Soviet campaign for nuclear test ban.
- 1987 — 151-nation International Monetary Fund wraps up spring meeting without producing any new initiatives.





A 24-FOOT replica of the Oscar statue is lifted by helicopter, near the Hollywood sign in California on Friday. The statue will be part of the exterior decor for the 60th Annual Academy Awards on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



SUSPECTED gang member 'Billy Bop' declares his innocence from the window of a police bus on Friday as the Los Angeles Police launched a major anti-gang offensive. According to the police, gang members have been responsible for at least 85 killings this year in Los Angeles County. (Reuter wirephoto)



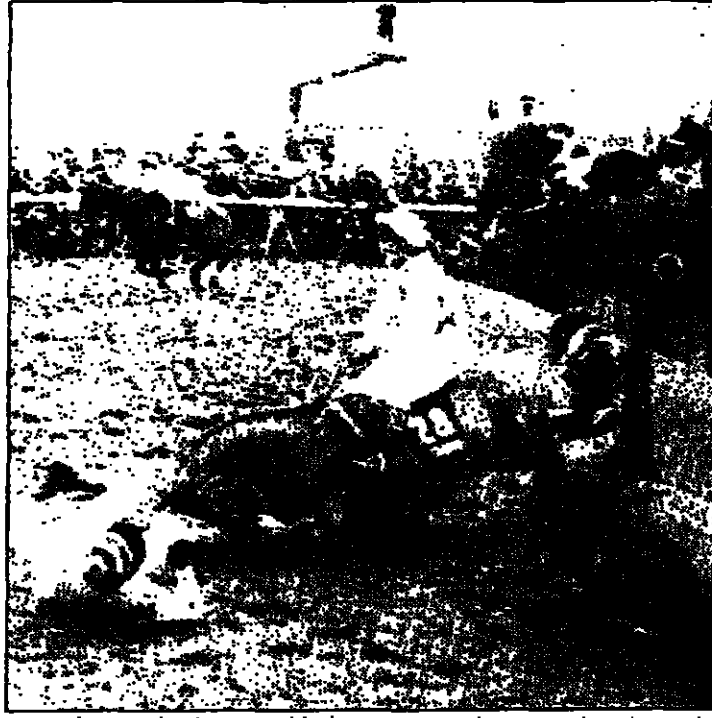
AN armed Israeli soldier forces a Palestinian youth from his home, to remove barricades from the street. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband Denis watch the performance of traditional Ottoman military band in Topkapi palace in Istanbul, while bodyguards make a wall around them. (Reuter wirephoto)



RUSSIAN women, dressed in traditional Orthodox attire, queue up in line to buy Easter candles at Moscow's Novodevichy convent yesterday. Soviet women bring their traditional Easter cake, the kulich, to church to be blessed by a Russian-Orthodox priest. (Reuter wirephoto)



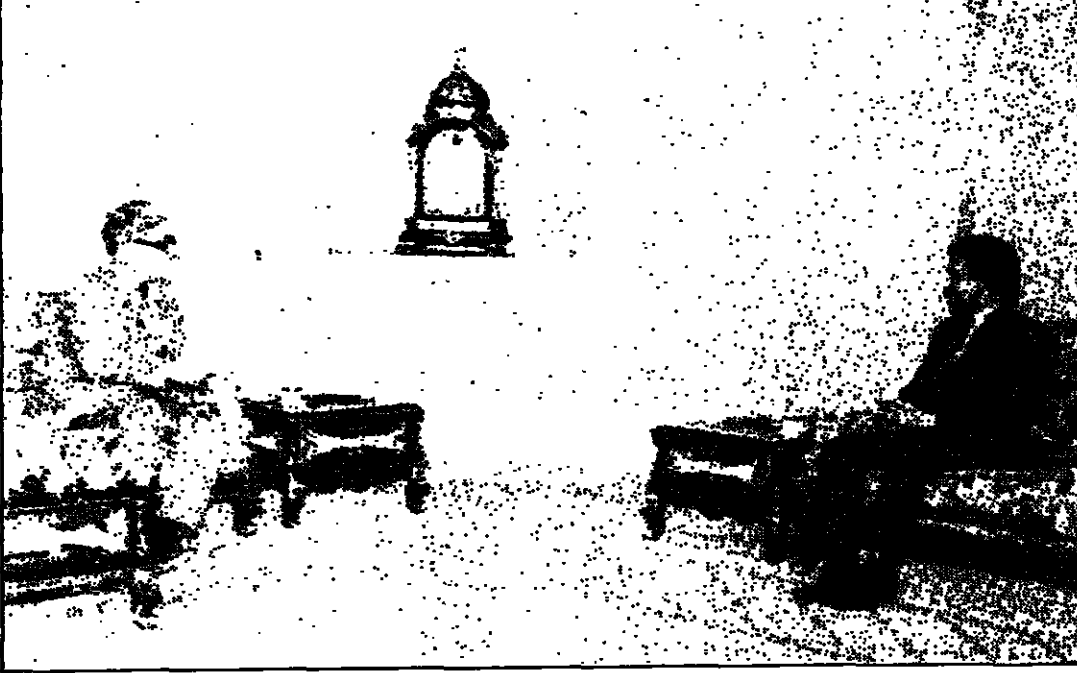
Peter Scudamore (left) falls off 'Strands of Gold' during the Kintree Grand National horse race, in Liverpool, England, yesterday. During this race, the world's greatest steeplechase, only nine of the 40 participants finished the event. Rhyme 'N' Reason, ridden by Brendan Powell, finished first. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOLDIERS at Howard Air Force Base outside Panama City install barbed wire barricades at the entrance to the base as part of increased security measures prompted by unrest in Panama. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET ice-hockey player Vyacheslav Fetisov (left), shown in action at the Winter Olympics in Calgary in this file photo, has signed a \$500,000 contract to play for the New Jersey Devils in the National Hockey League, a senior Soviet sports official said. Finland's Pekka Tuomisto follows at right. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITISH Foreign Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe (left) meets the Sultan of Brunei Hajj Hassanah Bolkiah Muizzaddin Wadatulillah at the Nurul Iman Palace yesterday. Howe is currently on an official visit to Brunei. (Reuter wirephoto)



TWO Filipina bar-girls hold placards affirming their support for the retention of huge American military bases in the Philippines. The two were part of a group of hospitality girls who held a demonstration in front of the Subic naval base in Olongapo City yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



CONTRA commandante Tono talks to reporters through the window of a departing bus on Friday after the abrupt suspension of peace talks between the Contras and their Sandinista opponents at this customs station on the Costa Rican border. The two sides broke off talks when they could not agree on the methods of implementing an agreed-to ceasefire. (Reuter wirephoto)



THOUSANDS of revellers to Tokyo's Ueno Park enjoy a weekend view of cherry blossoms in full bloom. More than 250,000 people turned out yesterday to view the blossoms at this Tokyo park, undeterred by a freak snow-storm on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANTI-APARTHEID campaigner Archbishop Desmond Tutu (left) meets Anglican Bishop George Kauluma, bishop of the South African-run territory of Namibia, during a visit to the former German colony during which Tutu demanded Pretoria give Namibians their freedom. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Hollywood gears up for annual self-congratulations

## How to win an Oscar in ten easy lessons

By Alan Stanbrook

EVERY year between January 1 and a variable date in spring (this time April 11), Hollywood agents spend a small fortune of other people's money trying to steer an Oscar into their clients' eager hands.

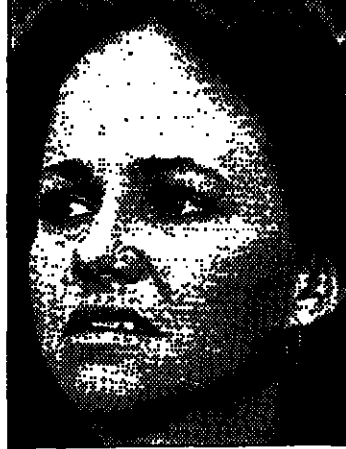
Winning one raises the ante next time an actor's fees are being discussed and means bigger commissions for the agent whose adroit publicity campaign delivers the goods on Oscar night. Shed any illusions that Oscars reward the best of anything. They are a marketing exercise tout court.

Who gives Oscars? The grandly named Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences does. This is a glorified trade organisation set up in 1927 as a cultural front when Hollywood was under attack from numerous religious and moral watchdogs. Its membership, elected by their peers, is drawn from practising film makers. Oscars are their way of congratulating each other for a job well done. And since Hollywood only recognises box-office success, no film that is not a big money-spinner is ever named best of its year.

In each category of Oscar (best script, best editor, etc) there are normally five nominees. These are selected by Academy members of the same craft. Thus actors nominate other actors, cameramen and so forth. Once the five nominees are chosen, Academy mem-



Best Actresses (left to right), Diane Keaton in Annie Hall (1978), Jane Fonda in Coming Home (1979), Sally Field in Norma Rae (1980) and Katharine Hepburn in On Golden Pond (1981).



bers then vote in all major categories to arrive at the winners. This encourages conservative judgements. To refresh their memories, the Academy mounts special screenings for members during the currency of the ballot. But members are not required to attend or even to have seen all the nominees when they cast their votes.

**Corrupt**  
Nobody has ever called the Oscar campaign corrupt, but Academy members, like everybody else, are susceptible to skilful promotion. That's why artists hire agents. Here, based on past campaigns, are 10 "commandments" that may not guarantee victory but have, over the years, put many doubtful contenders in with a fighting chance.

1. Thou shalt not release thy film too soon. Academy members have short memories. Movies and performances that were admired in the summer can be hard to recall by the following spring. To be eligible for an Oscar, a film must have played in Los Angeles for at least a week by December 31. So, open it in Christmas week to qualify, withdraw it at once from circulation and then re-open it when the nominations are announced and audiences are most keen to see it.

2. Thou shalt take unto thyself whole-page advertisements in the trade press with a simple, uncluttered message: the name of the actor, his role and just three magic words — "For your consideration."

3. Thou shalt not disenchanted the easily misled, especially in advertisements, if they are inclined to mistake a nomination for the actual award.

4. Thou shalt plaster thy face with make-up that thy features may be unrecognisable to them that vote for thee. For mysterious reasons this passes infallibly for great acting. Winning practitioners include Marion Brando ("The Godfather"), Sir John Mills ("Ryan's Daughter") and Frederic March ("Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde").



Meryl Streep in Sophie's Choice (1983), Shirley MacLaine in Terms of Endearment (1984), Sally Field in Places in the Heart (1985), Geraldine Page in The Trip to Bountiful (1986), Marlee Matlin in Children of a Lesser God (1987).

## 'Seat-savers' for the rich and famous

By Russell Kishi

HOLLYWOOD. (UPD): The estimated one billion people who will be watching this year's Academy Award telecast undoubtedly will notice the famous faces occupying all the good seats — but take a second look.

About 100 unknown faces can be spotted sitting in those chairs as well. They're the seat-savers.

On Oscar night, they line up on either side of the auditorium and whenever a celebrity leaves his or her seat, a seat-saver slides in until the star returns.

Christal Karnaze, now a publicist in Washington, D.C., once held such a job when she worked for ABC Television in Los Angeles.

"Basically, ABC employees are asked about a month before the ceremony if they want to be a seat-saver," Karnaze said. "You show up about three hours before the broadcast and it's all pretty straightforward."

"As the people reclaim their seats, you get up and take a place at the back of the line. But if you're lucky, you might get the seat from somebody who didn't show."

Recalling her experience at the 1981 Oscar ceremonies, Karnaze said she was lucky indeed.

"I got to sit in the third row before the performance started and I sat through the entire Johnny Carson monologue," she said.

"They're just staring straight ahead and not interacting."

"I mean, just because you have a chance you are sitting next to a celebrity, you don't want to interrupt them with your own little ramblings. You feel you know these people, because you've seen them, but you need to grant them their own private world."

Her experience in 1981, she added, was dampened somewhat because that year most of the big winners were absent. No-shows included the ailing Henry Fonda, named Best Actor for On Golden Pond, and the best actress winner, Katharine Hepburn, for the same movie.

"It was really one of the more sedate broadcasts that I'd seen," Karnaze said. "Your big winners were gone, although I do remember that almost everybody was saying they just have to give the Oscar to Fonda, the sentimental favourite."

"I also remember all the seat-savers dying to see Katharine Hepburn and being disappointed."

Still, an admitted stargazer, Karnaze said she wouldn't have missed the chance to participate.

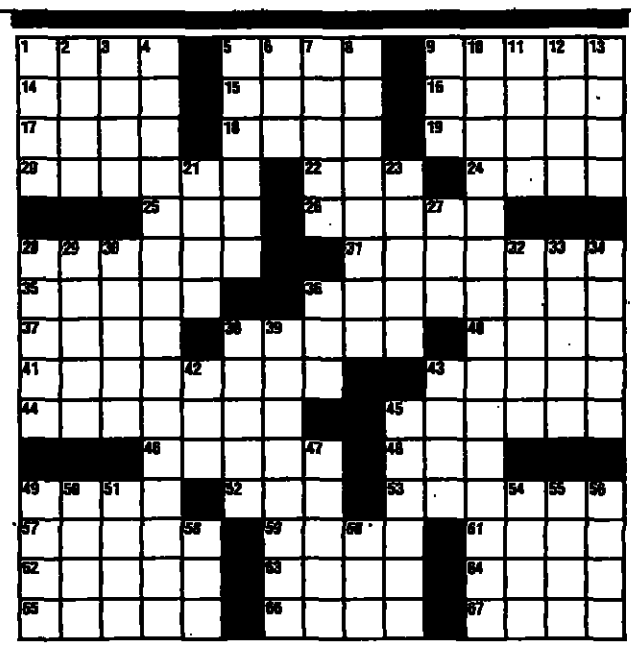
"I did see one of my favourites, Gregory Peck," she said. "He had just finished presenting an award and came back in (to the auditorium), and I didn't even realise who I was standing next to. Something happened, and I turned to him, and I said, 'Isn't that wonderful?'"

"And he said, in that distinctive voice of his 'yes, it's wonderful.'"

The seat-savers will be ready and able again on April 11 but Joe Disanti, of ABC's guest relations department — which handles the logistics of the programme — said he was "not at liberty" to discuss specifics.

"It's one facet of our (ABC's) involvement, that's about all I can tell you," he said. "It's really no big thing and that's the way they (the academy) would like to have it."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Shepherd of the Bible
  - 5 Sprightly
  - 9 Texas shrine
  - 14 "Gun, Will Travel"
  - 15 Unusual person
  - 16 Diabolical
  - 17 Biblical dill
  - 18 Gallery near the Thames
  - 19 Set out
  - 20 Next to
  - 22 Neither Dem. or Rep.
  - 24 Conductor
  - 25 Palm Beach shade
  - 26 Bedeck
  - 28 — of Hormuz
  - 31 Ardent
  - 35 Some exams
  - 36 Distributes
  - 37 Sandburg
  - 38 Misinformers
  - 40 Trumpeter from New Orleans
  - 41 Igloo?
  - 43 "...after they've seen —"
  - 44 City of S. Italy
  - 45 Toolbox item
  - 46 Coward et al.
  - 48 Malay gibbon
  - 49 Composer Alban
  - 52 Undermine
  - 53 Carnegie or Jackson
  - 57 Good-bye, amigo
  - 59 Precisely
  - 61 Word of honor
  - 62 Variety show of a type
  - 63 Revises
  - 64 Fay of "King Kong"
  - 65 Mountain spur
  - 66 Printer's order
  - 67 King Cole et al.
- DOWN**
- 1 Ishmael's captain
  - 2 Curse
  - 3 Holiday
  - 4 forerunners
  - 5 Give all the info
  - 6 Alfonso's queen
  - 7 Neural networks
  - 8 More fashionable
  - 9 "Classified" material, for short
  - 10 Live it up
  - 11 He loves, to Cicero
  - 12 Comedian Sahl
  - 13 Wised up
  - 21 Preferred seating
  - 23 Forbidding words
  - 27 Map letters
  - 28 Economic or
  - 29 Pamphlet
  - 30 Less frequent
  - 32 Beta —
  - 33 More positive
  - 34 Diminutive endings
  - 36 West or Busch
  - 38 Pear-shaped instruments
  - 39 Alone
  - 42 Yoko
  - 43 Marshall had one
  - 45 Missouri River feeder
  - 47 Famous English potter
  - 49 Theda of silents
  - 50 River in Hesse
  - 51 Tear apart
  - 54 — avis
  - 55 Coup d'—
  - 56 Wherefore's partner
  - 58 Observe
  - 60 Trouble

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

HEMS CERE DINED  
EVIL ALOU ROUTE  
LENA COOP ATLAS  
DRIVEUP THE WALL  
ASE ONES  
ECLAT SARGE BAH  
GRAVES LIII LOCO  
GETONES DANDERUP  
EDEN REF ERGATE  
DOR EVANS ASSES  
ORAL ELF  
RUFFLEFEATHERS  
BANTU VAIN EVIDE  
RIDER ERNE RETE  
OLENT LOGS ONER

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
A BIT OF MAKE-BELIEVE

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 5  
♥ 10 7  
♦ Q J 6 5 4  
♣ A Q 9 4

**WEST**  
♠ 10 9 8 3 2  
♥ K Q 9  
♦ K 3 2  
♣ 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 7 6  
♥ A J 8 2  
♦ 8  
♣ J 10 6 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 4  
♥ 6 5 4 3  
♦ A 10 9 7  
♣ K 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Ten of ♠

While bridge is a mirror of life in many respects, there is one important area of difference. Highway robbery is frowned upon in the best circles, but meets with praise, and sometimes laughter, at the bridge table. Sitting South on this hand from a team match was one of the country's leading women players, Lynn Deas of Schenectady, N.Y.

North's raise to two diamonds was inverted, showing a good hand

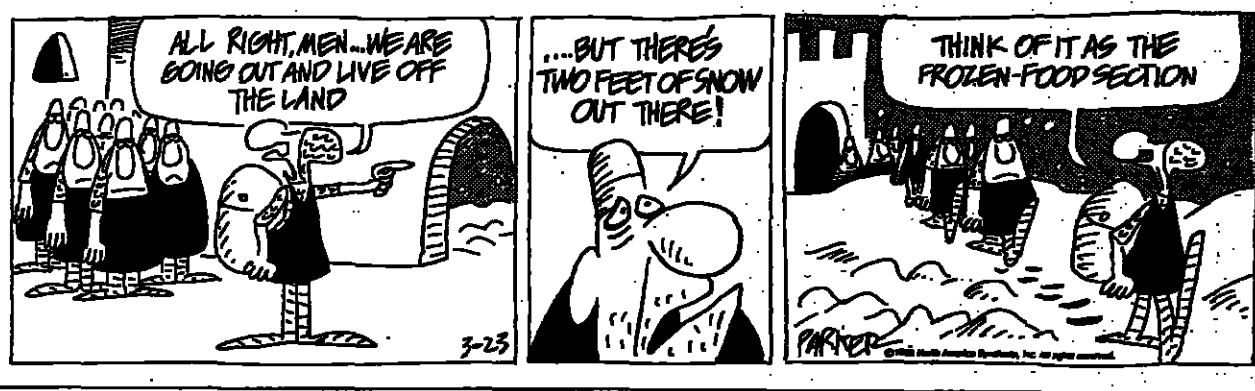
but denying possession of a four-card major. Therefore, South's bid of two hearts, in theory, showed a heart stopper, although in practice it is doubtful whether it would have stood the test of an enemy attack. After North indicated club strength, South continued on to three no trump.

West made his normal lead of the top of his spade sequence, and declarer saw at once that, if the diamond finesse were to succeed, the contract was beyond reproach. Should it fail, however, the defenders would be in position to cash four heart tricks to defeat the contract.

Declarer had already diverted attention from the heart suit in the bidding. To reinforce that impression, she won the ace of spades and dropped the queen from her hand! When West won the first diamond trick with the king, he saw no reason not to continue spades—indeed, that might have been imperative had declarer held the ace of hearts and not the king of clubs. The result? The contract rolled home.

West might have done better to hold up the king of diamonds one round. That would have permitted East to discard the jack of spades on the second diamond, making the heart shift easier to find.

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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

At first you will not quite know where you are going but by the afternoon all will be clearer. Spend a moment considering how lucky you really are. If you are invited for lunch do not be late. Be resolute.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are subject to mixed planetary influences and should not do anything rash. A little more patience will stand you in good stead. You should try to forget about problems at work for the day. Be sensible.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to make the right decision where a personal matter is concerned. A chance suggestion made by a friend will turn out to be very useful. You will be able to have a good laugh. Be moderate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will not be quite clear about what you want to do at first. However your partner will help to make up your mind. Try to think well of others. Be cordial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You must take more care not to give offence. A certain tendency towards aggressiveness will have to be controlled. Do not allow your house to become untidy. Be a little more bold.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Make sure you do not take too much for granted. Avoid eating more than you know you should. Be a little less selfish.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Something that has been puzzling you will become much clearer. There is no need to hurry but there is no time to dither either. Do not place any reliance on your intuitions just now. Be generous.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not spend too much time dealing with secondary matters. A good opportunity is likely to be missed—never mind there will be another one. Take the best care of your health. Be mindful.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should avoid letting a hobby become an obsession. You will receive some news that will be a little disturbing but you can cope with it. Avoid paying too much attention to hearsay and conjecture. Be frank.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will be more inclined towards the practical. There will be some favourable developments where your personal affairs are concerned. Make sure you do not burn too big a hole in your pocket. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The moon's more favourable influence will help you to draw the correct conclusion. You should not say you can do something you know you cannot. Make sure you do all that is needed to keep the flame of love burning. Be responsive.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should not allow yourself to be deceived by appearances. You should try to maintain contact with a friend who has moved house. Avoid driving carelessly or even recklessly. Be sincere.



SNIPPETS

Aquino grieves over palace keeper's death

MALACANANG'S chief housekeeper, Priscilla Aragon, died last week of cancer, with President Aquino at her bedside.

The President's special assistant, Florida Ruth Romero, told reporters that Aquino stayed by Aragon's side for about two hours until she died at 3:25 pm at the Makati Medical Centre.

Aquino, her eyes swollen from crying, refused to talk to newsmen when she arrived at the Premier Guest House from the hospital.

Ms. Aragon, popularly known as "Fritzi," served as household administrator of the guest house and Aquino's residence on Arlegui street for about two years.

According to her sister, Vicky Gonzales, Aragon and her family discovered she was stricken with cancer last January.

Ms. Aragon was then confined at the John Long Hospital in San Francisco.

Pedophile syndicate in operation

FOURTEEN alien criminal syndicates, mostly involved in child prostitution in Europe, are still operating in Pagsanjan, Laguna allegedly with the blessings of some local government officials, the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) revealed last week.

Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago said some suspected pedophiles and other aliens in Pagsanjan are allegedly making a lot of money selling abroad pictures of Filipino boys in obscene poses.

"Our country is really being advertised as a pedophile tourist resort in Europe. These people don't have the right to be here," Santiago said.

The 22 alleged pedophiles who were arrested recently in the CID raid in Pagsanjan constitute only a small fraction of criminals there, Santiago said.

She warned them, including those allegedly protecting them, that the CID crackdown has "only just begun."

Some local government officials are allegedly against the CID move, saying the pedophile industry is part of the town's economic recovery programme.

Pagsanjan residents are also reportedly divided in their stand on the presence of pedophiles in town.

Fifty girls arrested in sauna raids

FIFTY young girls suspected to be prostitutes and a British national were arrested by Manila policemen during raids on two sauna bath parlors and a disco pub in Ermita, Sta. Cruz and Binondo.

Lt. Antonio Sapala, deputy chief of the tactical force of the Western Police District, said the girls, some as young as 15 years old, had no health permit.

Sapala said the Briton was nabbed after he tried to stop the raid on the Thriller Disco Pub.

The foreigner, who identified himself as the pub's manager, was detained for further investigation.

Brig. Gen. Alfredo S. Lim, WPD superintendent, had ordered a campaign against all vices, bold shows and prostitution houses in the city.

The WPD chief warned vice operators and owners of establishments being used as fronts for prostitution that they will be arrested if found operating vice joints in Manila.

Farmer kills 4, is stoned to death

ZAMBOANGA City: A farmer, who prayed hard that he be given supernatural powers, lost his mind and ran amuck in barangay Mangagaon, Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte last Holy Thursday, killing four persons and wounding four others before he was stoned to death by angry neighbors.

A constabulary report identified the slain amok as Pablo Bingcoy, 33, of barangay Mangagaon, Polanco.

The report said that Bingcoy became violent after he closed himself in his room for several days and prayed that he be given "anting-anting."

According to Bingcoy's wife, her husband suddenly ran out of his room, took a 19-inch bolo and attacked a pig in the pen of their neighbor.

He later attacked the pig owner, Leonardo Casipang, 74, who died on the spot and two other members of the Casipang family, Presentation Casipang, 34, and Leobito, 6. The two also died on the spot.

US accused of aiding Gringo

(REUTERS): Philippine congressional leaders said that they would investigate allegations the US was involved in the escape of coup leader, Gregorio Honasan, in an attempt to pressure President Corason Aquino into keeping American bases in the Philippines.

As the Army threw a dragnet across the country in search of the fugitive colonel, the Lower House deputy speaker, Antonio Cuenco, said that Colonel Honasan's escape "may be considered as an arm-twisting tactic" by the US.

US and Philippine officials began a review of an agreement

allowing American forces the use of Clark Air Force Base and Subic Naval Base. "We will look into allegations that there is a CIA factor," Cuenco told reporters.

Earlier, Representative Vernancio Carduce, of the minority People's Party, said in a press statement that Col Honasan's escape came just before the start of the bases talks.

He urged the military not to allow itself "to be a pawn in the elaborate schemes of the United States to preserve ... its military and political domination in our country."



Gregorio Honasan

New travel tax scheme endorsed

THE House Committee on Tourism has endorsed a proposal calling for the reduction of the travel tax for Filipino and expatriate residents.

The committee headed by Rep. Honorato Aquino, former tourism undersecretary said the reduction would make "travel more affordable to the majority of the Filipinos."

Under the new tax scheme, the travel economy class is pegged at P600 (\$20); business, P1,000; and first class, P1,500. The present tax is P1,620 for economy and P3,200 for first class.

The Aquino proposal is actually a compromise on an earlier bill filed to abolish the travel tax while increasing the

airport terminal fee from P200 to P300.

Another proposal submitted by the Department of Tourism (DOT) recommended a uniform travel rate of P1,000 as travel tax.

Tourism Secretary Jose Antonio U. Gonzalez estimated that the reduced travel tax scheme would cost the government P700 million a year.

But Aquino stressed the compromised bill would resolve the dispute that may arise, mainly over revenue losses.

The compromised bill, would also incorporate tax exemptions for government officials on official trips, children below 12 years and non-resident Filipino citizens staying in the country for 120 hours, Aquino said.

War on public smoking

SEN. Ernesto Herrera has filed a bill seeking to ban smoking in public conveyances and in enclosed public places.

Senate Bill No. 375 prohibits a person from smoking aboard public utility vehicles and in hotels, moviehouses, educational buildings, offices and commercial edifices, auditoriums, and similar structures where people assemble.

Violators face a penalty of 10 days imprisonment or a fine of not less than P500 but not more than P1,000, or both.

The owner, operator, manager, his employee or agent, or any law enforcement officer who knowingly allows smoking in

these places shall be meted the same penalty.

Owners or operators of public conveyances or of enclosed public places shall be required to post "no smoking" signs in conspicuous sections within the premises.

Violation of such requirement shall entail a fine of P500 to P1,000.

Herrera said the main objective of the proposed measure is to reduce the hazards of smoking to a person's health and well-being, as it has been confirmed that smoking has a positive link to lung cancer, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and various other ailments.

Nine Filipino boxers in international ratings

NINE Filipino boxers, led by world flyweight champion Rolando Bohol and former titleholder Dodie Boy Penalosa, were listed in the latest monthly ratings of the International Federation (IBF) based in Richmond, Virginia.

Bill Brennan, chairman of the IBF championship and ratings committee, said the Filipino fighters who made the roll of honour were: Rolando Bohol, flyweight champion; Penalosa, No.2 flyweight contender; Jon-giong Paquing, No.1 light-welterweight who will challenge for the world title of American Buddy McGirt at the Madison Square Garden this summer; Ariel Duran, No.7 junior lightweight; Ernie Cataluna, No.7 bantamweight; Sonny Vidal, No.2 light-flyweight; Tacy Macalos, No.10 light-flyweight; Pretty Boy Lucas, No.1 mini-flyweight; and Eric Chavez, No.3 mini-flyweight.

The IBF listed Mike Tyson as its heavyweight champion. The other IBF champions are: Cruiserweight — Evander Holyfield (US); Light-heavyweight — Charles Williams (US); Middleweight — Frank Tate (US); Light-middleweight — Matthew Hilton (Canada); Light welterweight — Buddy McGirt (US); Lightweight — Greg Haugen (US); Junior lightweight — Rocky Lockridge (US); Featherweight — Calvin Grove (US); Bantamweight — Kelvin Seabrooks (US); Super flyweight — Ellyas Pical (Indonesia); Flyweight — Rolando Bohol (Philippines); Light-flyweight — Jumbwan Choi (Korea).

THE families or heirs of all the 38 Filipino seamen killed on board two Iranian tankers hit by missiles in the Gulf War last March 19 will all get death benefits.

This assurance was made by Audun B. Aasheim, president of Manila Strait International, the official crewing agency in the Philippines of the National Iranian Tanker Co., owners of the ill-fated vessels t/t Avaj and t/t Sandanda.

Confirmed dead were Rodolfo Bajarin, Danilo Abu, Warlito Teofilo, Porfirio Regondola, Filomeno Larias, Ricardo Jamin, Basil Bakri, Renato Felipe, Efron Hortal, Nelson Otero, Romulo Panaguigan, Ernesto de Vera, Benedicti Mones, Rogelio Lardo, Mariano Acio Jr., Roberto Collayan and Reynaldo Baquiran, who were all on board the t/t Avaj.

Confirmed dead on board the t/t Sandanda were Remigio

Death benefits for seamen's families

Tumagan, David General, Ernesto Brucal, Leonardo Alexander, Hipolito Famoran, Santiago Bayon-on, Medardo Oclarit, Teotimo Cabaalejo, Ignedio Boria Jr., Bernardo Flores, Wenceslao Cornelio, Ernesto Completo, Aristen Cubio, Jonathan Tienda, Teodulfo Alcover, Sixto Magbanua, Philander Dalida, Roberto Jose, Samon Espinocilla, Rodrigo Taliser and Eddie Fernandez.

The confirmation was made by Aasheim who received word from Iran that the more than 20 search-and-rescue boats failed to recover the victims' bodies after 12 days of operations.

Aasheim identified the survivors from the two vessels as Calicano Bacay, Vitalico Osito, and Sixto Bagait, Felipe Ramos, Andronico Cartagenas, Rudy Collera, and Valentin Secaluya.

Aasheim said that his firm is exerting all efforts to pay the victims.

Aasheim said that the victims could have escaped death had they jumped into the sea, but he said there was confusion in the last few seconds.

Some survivors, including Bacay, are confined at the American Hospital in Manila. He said he is reporting to Aasheim for another assignment in Iran.

Four new PBA imports

Who's the fairest of 'em all?

THERE are four of them — the new faces among the six imports drawn in by the six contending teams in the Open conference of the 14th season of the Philippine Basketball Association.

Of the four, however, only three had been able to show their wares before the pro league went into its week-long Lenten break.

The fourth, Kenney Fields, failed to fly in time for Great Taste Instant Milk's second play-date in the tournament, but is definitely suiting up when Great Taste goes out for its third outing.

Actually, the Gokongswel-owned ballclub had an import on hand when the curtains went up on PBA '88, but had to go all Filipino when the import, Charles Davis, supposedly a cracker jack former NBA veteran, failed to pass the measurement test. He was found by league physician, Dr Ben Salud, as 3/16 of an inch above the six feet, six inches height limit for imports eligible to play in the Open.

With Davis out, it was only Shell's Durand Macklin, whose past performance chart showed stunts with the Atlanta Hawks and the New York Knicks, who was able to make his debut in the inaugural twillbill of the Open last March 20.

"Of the 30-year-old Macklin, it was once written: 'When he's on, his team glows.'"

Well, Macklin, who's a sweet-shooting southpaw, was on when he first joined the Helix Oilers at the Ultra, but with his local teammates unable to give him the needed support both in offense and defense, he had an almost forgettable debut as Shell took an opening day tumble against an all Filipino Great Taste crew.

For his stats, Macklin rung up 52 points on 67 per cent shooting from the two-point



Durand Macklin: when he's on, his team glows.

area and 80 per cent from the stripe in the 39 minutes that he was on. In addition, he hauled down 17 rebounds, had three steals and one shot block.

Two days later, Macklin was on again, but this time, his performance dipped. He could only put together 39 points as the Helix Oilers went down for their second straight setback in the tournament against powerhouse Purefoods.

Prono to commit fouls, Macklin only got to log 40 minutes.

After Macklin, in the day's feature match, it was Drew Kennedy, an almost unheralded 6-6 1/2 titan from Kingston, Jamaica, who took the floor for his PBA debut. And sharing the spotlight with Kennedy as

Alaska Milk took on gallery favorite Ginebra was Ginebra's highly-touted Jamie Waller, whose credentials included a big win in the slam dunk competition of the Continental Basketball Association.

Although far from flashy, Kennedy, who saw action with the Topeka Sizzlers in the CBA, proved himself a quietly efficient operator and a willing team man as he keyed Alaska to

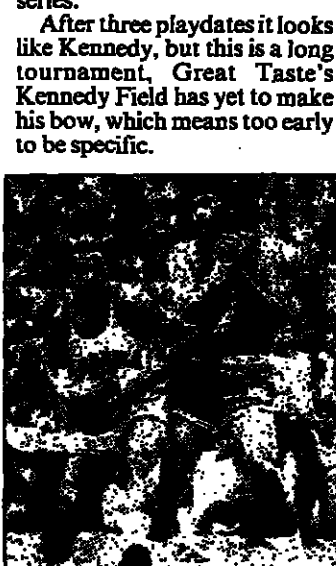
a down-the-wire decision over the Ginebras.

The last two points of the 50 that Kennedy knocked in chilled Ginebra's fiery bid to turn the game around in the closing seconds of a bruising ballgame.

Kennedy shot 72 per cent from the floor and 82 from the free throw line aside from pulling down 13 rebounds. In contrast, Ginebra's import, who bore a striking facial resemblance to world boxing champion Mike Tyson, didn't have a knockout of a debut. His field goal shooting was way off — only 34 per cent from two-point area and 33 from the three-point zone. He fouled out with 38 seconds left in the game.

Two nights later, Kennedy showed more of the same as he crashed through with 48 points, including the clutch bid that wrapped it all up for his team, as Alaska Milk roared to its second straight win in the series.

After three playdates it looks like Kennedy, but this is a long tournament. Great Taste's Kennedy Field has yet to make his bow, which means too early to be specific.



Jamie Waller

US bases: let people decide through a referendum

IT has been 20 years since nationalist groups started the fight for the bases' removal from the Philippines.

The reason? The presence of the bases, according to these groups, did not bring any economic benefit for the country but instead lead to the militarisation of the Philippines to protect US military and business interests.

It is two years now since the new government of President Aquino assumed power from the US-backed Marcos dictatorship. President Aquino, in pre and post election statements, made it clear that the issue of the bases will be submitted to the people in a referendum.

What are the issues regarding the bases? Are the Filipino people publicly aware of its strategic importance in the ASEAN region?

Why are the Filipinos deeply divided on the issue concerning its presence in the Philippines?

Historical background

In the year 1947, a document was signed known as the Military Bases agreement wherein the U.S. was given a 99-year lease to around 23 sites for military bases on an area expanding to 210,000 hectares.

The agreement spelled out the status of U.S. Armed Forces present in the country. In return for the above lease, the U.S. government committed itself to the development of the Philip-

As the talks on US bases gets underway, there is intense debate in the Philippines regarding the necessity of these bases. In this article, Danilo D. Mendoza, a noted economist and C.P.A. outlines the history of the bases and advocates a referendum on the issue.

pine Armed Forces in a separate agreement (also in 1947) known as the Military Assistance Agreement.

In 1947, the U.S. and the Philippine government, agreed to mutual assistance in the event of unfriendly forces attacking and they signed another treaty known as the Mutual Defence Treaty of 1951 which was further amended and revised in 1953.

The 1953 agreement called for U.S. economic and military assistance to the Philippines in the form of equipment, materials and other forms of aid.

In 1959, the U.S. bases lease was reduced from 99 years to 25 years in the document known as the Serrano-Bohlen Memorandum of Agreement.

The Philippine sovereignty over the bases was spelled out in the agreement and further stated that the U.S. government would consult the Philippine government any time the bases are used for combat operations. The 1959 agreement reaffirmed the Philippine ownership of the bases' lands.

Since 1947, the Military Bases

Agreement has been amended 34 times and the area covered reduced from roughly 210,000 hectares to 82,000 hectares. The Filipino People and the U.S.A.

Despite the granting of Philippine independence in 1946, the Filipino people have relied greatly on America for economic growth and development.

Over 340 U.S. companies are operating in the country covering diversified fields related to engineering, consultancy, banking, finance, agriculture, mining and production of consumer goods.

Likewise, almost two million Filipino migrants are in various states in America and roughly five million Filipino relatives in the Philippines are directly economically benefitted by them.

The U.S. government has opened its immigration doors to a never ending exodus of Filipinos who are out to seek a better life in America.

In Asia, no other country has absorbed intense American values, tradition and culture as in the Philippines.

It is also a fact that the Filipinos' love for democratic ideals and its inherent institution were all patterned after the U.S. and all inherited from its US allegiance.

The Major US Bases

A. Subic Naval Base — This is the supply and repair base for the US Seventh Fleet consisting of around 100 ships and 450 aircrafts.

B. Clark Air Base — This is the seat of US Communication and Logistical support for forces in Southeast Asia. This base houses the 13th Air Force and is widely known as the major base of the US Air Force.

C. Wallace Air Station — This serves as radar facilities for military air traffic.

D. San Miguel — Naval communication facilities are maintained here.

E. Camp John Hay — Ideally situated in Baguio City, this facility serves as recreation base for American workers and their dependents and friends.

The US Bases in Asia

The strategic location and importance of the US bases in the Philippines to maintain the balance of power in Asia is widely given significance and acceptance by Pentagon officials.

The Cam Ranh Bay, a former US base now occupied by the USSR is situated closely to the South China Sea. The Philippines, bounded by the Pacific

Ocean and the South China Sea, is ideally located that the US bases in its territories is deemed irreplaceable. The Philippines' accessibility in case of any naval or air operations due to its sea lane boundaries, cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the Asian region.

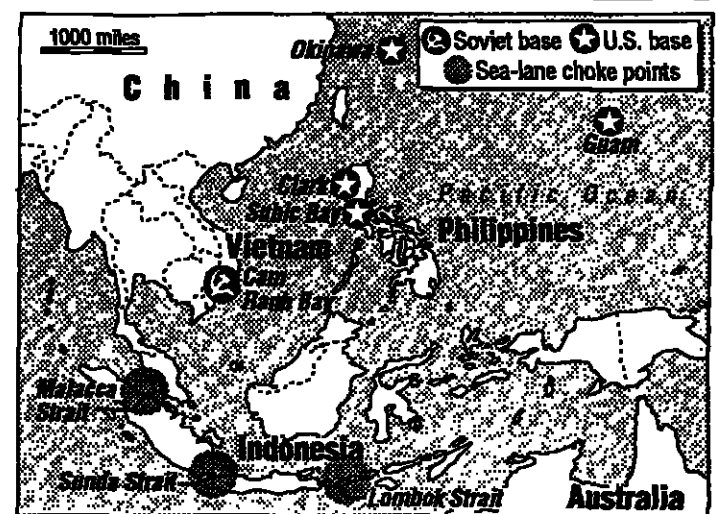
An added factor that makes the US bases in the Philippines important is its cost of maintenance. The low labour cost of Filipino workers serving the bases makes the US cost of base operations in the Philippines negligible compared to its other military installations around the world.

The maintenance requirement of the US Seventh Fleet which is handled by the Subic Naval Station cannot be matched in terms of repairs and maintenance cost if handled by other countries in the region.

The South China Sea that bounds the Philippines is also of key importance to its US and Japanese allies. It is widely known that this is the major supply route of oil supplies coming from the Middle East through the Strait of Malacca.

The Filipino People's Decision

With the presence of Soviet forces in Cam Ranh Bay and the South China Sea, Pentagon officials warn that these Soviet military activities are a threat to the security of the Philippines and the entire Asian region and only the US presence in the



region can deter any Soviet expansionist plan.

The present government of President Corason Aquino must be firm in its resolve and pre-election campaign promise that the bases issue will be decided by the Filipino people in a referendum to be called for this purpose.

With re-negotiations to start in 1988, it is widely suggested that the government must prepare and create an atmosphere of open and intelligent ventilation of ideas on all issues.

In a referendum, the people will answer some of the issues that need to be resolved and the major ones are the following:

a) Do the Filipino people agree to the continued presence of the bases in the country?

b) If we agree, how many years of lease shall we give the US government for their continued stay?



Marcos return in national interest

LEGASPI CITY: 'The immediate return of former President Marcos will work favourably to the national interest of our country because it is the secret to our economic recovery and its resulting peace and greater stability.'

This was the gist of the interview-dialogue given by LP Young Turks Chairman Rey T. Fajardo to the leaders of the group in Bicol, accompanied by Young Turks Secretary-General Jerry F. Adevero.

According to Fajardo, there are secret negotiations for a Marcos return which involve a substantial deposit of gold bullion in Switzerland, enough to prop up the Philippine economy as well as the gold reserves of the US at Fort Knox.

Fajardo said the Young Turks came to know of this information from the person authorised to undertake the negotiations which confirmed a previous expose on the matter by the leader of a consumer group who had obtained the same information from the late CB Governor Gregorio Licaros Sr.

"We suspect that this gold bullion discovered during the Marcos presidency was the same treasure the Japanese failed to bring out during the war, and it properly belongs to the Philippine government and people and should be brought back for their benefit," Fajardo said.

"The Philippine government should immediately give its go-signal for the Marcos return, otherwise it will run the risk of being accused of taking undue personal interest in the loot, considering its pre-disposition to undertake the negotiations with Mr Marcos in secret," he said.

At the same time, Angie Honrado, LP Young Turks Regional Chairman of Bicol, reported that his recent radio broadcasts, in which he had ventilated the irrefutable legal and moral issues behind a Marcos homecoming, had been the subject of numerous positive feed-backs.

He said some negative talk on the subject had come from groups who refused or seemed unable to refute specific provisions in the 1935, 1973 and 1987 constitutions, Filipino traditions and moral principles.

In his low-key dialogues with Bicol Young Turks, Fajardo recounted that he had recently been to the USA and Hawaii, where he had picked up considerable valuable information which "the Filipino people should know about."



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Dubai may extend trade zone tax-free scheme for 15 years

ABU DHABI, April 9, (Opecna): Dubai is likely to extend a tax-free period for investors operating in the emirate's Jebel Ali free trade zone for a further 15 years, according to zone chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem.

Speaking to reporters here, Sulayem said that 180 international and local companies from 26 countries were currently licensed to operate in the zone, which is celebrating its third anniversary this year.

**Investment**  
He pointed out that total foreign investment in the zone had already reached around \$500 million, stressing that this figure was likely to double in the "next few years" due to global interest in its "excellent facilities."

Sulayem noted that the United States had invested \$150-200 million in the zone followed by the Gulf Cooperation Council with 100 million and the European Economic Community with 50 million.

Jebel Ali was one of the fastest growing free trade centres in the world, said Sulayem, adding that multinational companies were looking to the zone with the potential of covering over one billion people in the peripheral market and beyond.

He attributed the success of the venture to the marketing efforts of the zone's governing authority which had sent delegations to the United States, Japan and Europe to attract investors.

## Nigeria, Japan sign debt rescheduling agreement

LAGOS, April 9, (Opecna): Nigeria is to reschedule debts of around \$500 million to Japan following an agreement signed here.

The accord, finalised by Nigerian Minister of Finance and National Planning Dr Chu S.P. Okongwu and Takao Shibata, ambassador to the Japanese Embassy here, covers long-term official loans and short and medium-term commercial debts insured by the Japanese government.

### Cooperation

The Japanese official said that the agreement was signed in accordance with the consent of the Paris Club to reschedule Nigeria's debts to individual member countries after due negotiations.

He stressed that the rescheduling agreement would open new ways for future cooperation between both countries, adding that his country was willing to assist Nigeria in all possible ways.

## TCS official to expand business in Kuwait



DEEPAK Vaish (above), the Bahrain based Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) visited Kuwait last week to review on-going projects and also to explore the possibility of expanding business in Kuwait.

TCS is a \$40 million management and computer consultancy organisation with its head office in Bombay employing 1,200 professionals and carries out assignments on a variety of computer systems all over the world. TCS is a part of the TATA group of companies.

Vaish reviewed the study TCS is conducting for Alghanim Industries for identifying a long-term computerisation strategy with G.S. Kahandehval. He was assisted by Sumant Kapur a senior consultant of TCS who is carrying out the study and Ahooja, the TCS' representative in Kuwait.

Vaish also met some of the potential clients whom he found beneficial to TCS' wide-ranging operations.

## Lawmakers finish bill

# US trade balance improves

WASHINGTON, April 9, (Reuters): The US trade deficit is expected to show signs of continued improvement this week as lawmakers strive to complete comprehensive legislation that would change US trade policy dramatically.

The government on Thursday will report the US trade deficit for February and many analysts expect it to provide further evidence that the US trade balance is starting to improve after five successive years of record deficits.

Most economists say they expect the February trade gap will be down from the \$12.44 billion deficit in January.

Joseph Carson, senior economist at Chemical Bank in New York, foresees a trade gap of about \$11.7 billion for the month, reflecting a rebound in US exports and little change in imports.

**Trend**  
Many economists and administration officials see the trend of rising US exports and levelling or declining imports continuing as a result of the lower dollar value.

Economists and business leaders are concerned whether major US trading partners will be able to absorb enough imports from the United States to keep

the US economy expanding as it shifts from a major importer to a major exporter.

Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics in New York, said that, except for West Germany, America's trading partners will enjoy strong economic growth this year.

"We've turned the corner on trade," Weinberg said. Consequently, the dollar has fallen enough in value, he added.

If the current trend continues, with exports rising and imports levelling off, the US could reverse the trade deficit in about 12 to 15 months, he said.

Just how well the US trade balance is improving will be clearer later this month when the government reports gross national product data for the first quarter of this year.

The GNP report shows the actual volume of trade, while the monthly trade report to be issued on Thursday shows the value, which is influenced by the declining dollar.

"I believe people will be surprised... as to how much the trade deficit has improved," Carson said.

The improving US trade picture, though, has not diminished Congress' will to pass major

trade legislation.

"The trade situation is perceived to be an enormous problem," said one congressional staffer. "You need more than what we've got now to say there is a substantive trend (toward improvement)," he added.

### Blame

Furthermore, should the economy begin to falter in this election year, the trade deficit, along with the huge budget deficit, would be singled out by politicians for blame, he noted.

A slowdown in the current economic expansion, now in its 65th month, would give Democrats, trying to use the trade issue to their political advantage, ammunition in their battle to win control of the White House from Republicans.

But the improving trade deficit has strengthened the administration's bargaining position in its negotiations with the lawmakers to get the more controversial provisions taken out of the legislation.

"If the numbers had remained the same or worsened it would have put the administration in a much weaker bargaining position," said a congressional staffer.

The US trade deficit in 1987

was a record \$171.2 billion up from a record 156.2 billion in 1986.

House and Senate negotiators expect to complete work on omnibus trade legislation in about two weeks. The bill would give the US trade representative more power to deal with unfair trade practices by trading partners. It would also increase the number of unfair trade cases investigated and speed up the decision-making process on retaliation.

A number of provisions the administration called unacceptable have been removed from the legislation. Most notable was the Gephardt amendment, named after its sponsor Congressman Richard Gephardt, a Missouri Democrat, who ended his presidential bid last month after poor showings at the polls.

The measure would have required retaliation against countries that achieved persistent large trade surpluses with the United States because of unfair practices.

Also yet to be resolved by the House and Senate negotiators is a measure that would require greater disclosure of foreign investments in the United States. The Reagan administration has expressed concern it would dis-

courage foreign investment and thus drive up interest rates.

The lawmakers will have to resolve that issue when they take up the legislation again on Monday.

Lawmakers also are likely to review some of the more controversial provisions of the final bill before it goes before the full House and Senate.

One provision opposed by the administration would require companies to give advance notice of plant closing and layoffs to workers.

A proposed ban on imports from Toshiba Machine Co for three years for selling sensitive equipment to the Soviet Union also was likely to be reviewed, a congressional source said.

The feeling among some trade lobbyists is that these more controversial measures will be removed from the final bill.

"We will get a bill the president can sign," said William Archery, Vice President of the US Chamber of Commerce.

He said some of the concern over the trade bill being too protectionist might have been excessive.

"There was this feeling that this (legislation) was going to be a draconian, awful thing and that is not the case," he said.

## US commerce secretary for Moscow

# Verity expects no breakthroughs in Soviet trade talks

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): US Commerce Secretary C. William Verity says he expected no breakthroughs in trade talks next week with Soviet officials in Moscow.

But Verity, who is leading a delegation of American officials for the tenth session of the joint commercial commission, said yesterday that he was hopeful the negotiations could lay the groundwork for expanded trade.

The joint commission was formed in 1973 to bring trade agencies of the two governments together. The meetings will take place at the same time a trade delegation of 400 American businessmen will be in Moscow

for talks on trade opportunities.

The trade meetings will come six weeks before US President Ronald Reagan travels to Moscow for his fourth summit with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

**Opportunities**  
Verity, who will be meeting with Soviet officials including Gorbachev, said the United States would seek expanded opportunities for American companies to sell their products in the Soviet Union.

Last year, trade between the United States and the Soviet Union totaled \$1.5 billion, two-thirds of that in grain sales. This represented just 0.5 per cent of

American export sales and was a decline from \$4.5 billion in US-Soviet trade in 1979, before President Jimmy Carter imposed a trade embargo after Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan.

"We are not going to Moscow for any breakthroughs," Verity said. "We do not expect any dramatic increase in trade to result. What we hope to do is to create a new climate and a foundation for future trade."

### Talks

Verity said he would stress that expanded trade can only take place if the Soviets make "further improvements elsewhere in our bilateral relationship, particularly on human rights and immigration."

Asked whether the announcement on Thursday that Soviet troops would begin pulling out of Afghanistan on May 15 would help the trade talks, Verity said he believed that Reagan was "very happy" with the development.

"There isn't any question in my mind that if the Soviets would continue to indicate that they would like to lessen tensions, that would certainly have an effect on the American people and the American Congress," Verity said.

Verity, who will leave for Moscow tomorrow, won cabinet

approval earlier this week for a plan to set up high-level working groups with the Soviets to spur exchanges in five areas: food processing, energy, construction equipment, medical products and the services sector, including insurance.

Verity said it was hoped that these working groups will provide channels to develop specific markets for US products.

The meetings next week are expected to produce some agreements on the establishment of joint ventures between American companies and the Soviet Union.

## Wall Street pinning hopes on dollar, trade

NEW YORK, April 9, (AP): Wall Street analysts are looking for good news on the dollar and international trade to put some fresh impetus into the stock market's early-1988 rally.

Such sustenance could come in the week ahead, they say, from a meeting of the so-called Group of Seven industrialised nations in Washington, or from the Commerce Department's monthly report on the US trade balance for February.

Advance estimates call for the trade data to show continuing improvement from the record levels it reached last fall.

But even when stocks rose on Friday to new highs since the October crash, the mood of many analysts and money managers remained subdued and unenthusiastic.

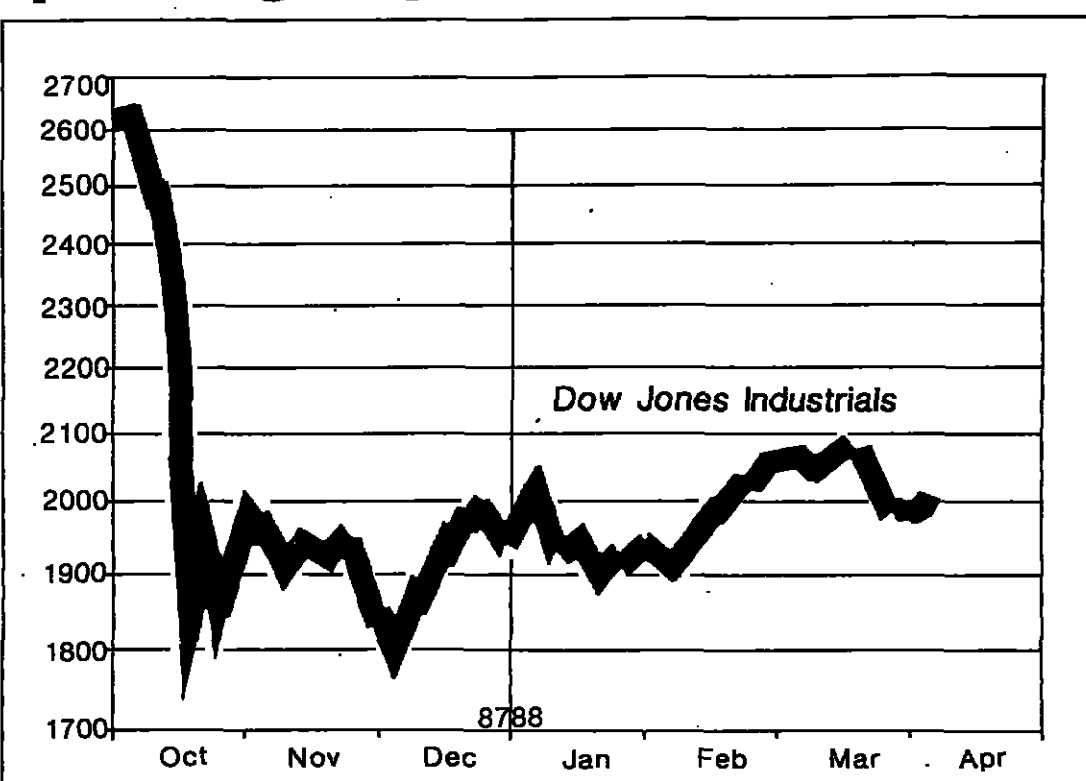
### Themes

Brokerage-firm analysts complain of a shortage of ideas or investment themes that stir up any interest among their customers.

Stanley Berge, analyst at the firm of Tucker, Anthony and R.L. Day Inc., describes current sentiment in the market as "10 per cent long-term bulls, 10 per cent long-term bears, and 80 per cent somewhere in the middle."

Much of the caution, of course, is the legacy of the crash last fall. But some of it also may derive from memories of what happened in the markets at this time a year ago.

An inflation scare shot through the bond market, sending interest rates sharply higher. Stock-market investors couldn't shrug that off. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, after hitting a then-record high of 2,405 on April 6, fell to 2,216 by



May 20.

As it turned out, that was nothing compared to the collapse that was coming later in the year. Still, it remains in Wall Streeters' memories as a period in which even some big-time professional traders got badly burned.

It doesn't help now that bond traders are once again talking about the possibility of Federal Reserve credit-tightening to keep inflation at bay. Yields on long-term government bonds climbed from about 8 1/4 per cent to the neighbourhood of 8 3/4 per cent in the past few weeks.

The atmosphere could improve, many observers believe, if the markets keep getting encouragement from the news on the dollar and foreign trade.

Hopes on that score helped the Dow Jones industrial average climb 102.13 points to a post-crash closing high of 2,090.19 in the past week.

### Subdued

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 5.43 to 152.03; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market 7.19 to 381.83, and the American Stock

Exchange market value index 4.06 to 300.49.

Volume on the Big Board remained subdued, however, averaging 170.89 million shares a day against 146.80 million in the holiday-shortened previous week.

In the view of Michael Sherman, analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., the stock market has fared pretty well lately given the circumstances.

"The market's ability to shake off periodic plunges and to internalise problems in the bond market is a healthy sign," he argues.

## Texaco officially emerges from bankruptcy

NEW YORK, April 9, (AP): Texaco Inc. officially ended a year under bankruptcy court protection on Thursday, completing its legal fight with Pennzoil Co. but facing continued pressure from dissident shareholders and takeover strategists.

Under a reorganisation plan approved on March 23 by a bankruptcy court judge, the oil giant based in White Plains, New York, transferred \$3 billion to a Houston bank account in Pennzoil's name. Texaco also will begin making another \$2.6 billion in payments to its other creditors.

The four wire transfers to Texas commerce bank took 10 minutes to complete, bank officials said.

In exchange for the \$3 billion, Pennzoil will drop its claim to a \$10.3-billion judgment against Texaco that Houston-based Pennzoil was holding when Texaco filed for protection from its creditors on last April 12.

### Action

Texaco said it took that action to avoid having to post a potentially ruinous multibillion-dollar security bond while appealing the judgment awarded Pennzoil by a Houston jury in November 1985.

Following US bankruptcy court judge Howard Schwartzberg's approval of the plan, worked out in December by the two companies and committees representing Texaco creditors and shareholders — Pennzoil borrowed \$2.7 billion from a consortium of banks.

## World Business Summary

# E. Germany to step up trade ties with Iran

TEHRAN, April 9, (Opecna): East Germany is keen to increase its volume of trade with Iran to \$300 million, Foreign Trade Minister Gerhard Beil announced in East Berlin yesterday.

He said during talks with Iranian ambassador Hamid Reza Asefi that his country was willing to purchase non-oil goods from Iran in addition to quantities of crude. Beil stressed that East Germany would take an active part in Tehran's annual international trade fair, adding that a variety of companies had expressed interest in stepping up the purchase of non-oil goods from Iran. He pointed out that in agreement had already been signed for the import of Iranian textile goods.

Beil highlighted the success of Iran's participation in the international Leipzig exhibition last month which, he said, was "testimony to its vast economic potential."

In an earlier meeting with Gerhard Trautenberg, East German Minister for Construction of General Machinery, Agricultural Machinery and Vehicles, Asefi said that Iran was set to export industrial goods and agricultural products to East Germany.

## Third World signs bilateral accords on trade tariffs

BELGRADE, April 9, (Reuters): More than 40 developing countries, members of the Group of 77 (G-77), have signed bilateral agreements on trade tariffs and concessions at a meeting in Belgrade. G-77 officials said yesterday.

Marko Kosić, chairman of the G-77 meeting working on establishing a global system of trade preferences (GSTP) among developing countries, told reporters the bilateral accords have paved the way for a multilateral agreement to be signed by the G-77 ministers here next week. The multilateral agreement would be binding on all signatories, he said.

GSTP officials said the agreement was likely to enhance mutual trade among developing countries, handicapped by a huge foreign debt, falling prices of raw materials and "protectionist" policies on the world market. Kosić said other G-77 countries would be able to join in later, under conditions set by the Belgrade meeting.

He said many G-77 countries were in favour of increased cooperation with China, which has expressed a desire to join the GSTP, but there were legal obstacles, since China was not a member of the Group of 77.

## Ceausescu visit to Indonesia expected to focus on trade

JAKARTA, April 9, (Reuters): Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu was greeted by President Suharto today at the start of his second Asian trip in 12 months.

The boom of a 21-gun salute echoed over Jakarta as Ceausescu, accompanied by his wife Elena, was welcomed by the 66-year-old Indonesian President on a visit expected to reinforce Jakarta's growing trade with Eastern Europe. The three-day visit is part of a pattern of developing links between Romania and the largest country in South-East Asia. Ceausescu came to Jakarta for the first time six years ago and Suharto visited Bucharest in 1985.

Though officially a member of the Communist Warsaw pact military alliance, Romania has pursued a relatively independent foreign policy, and has sought links with the Non-Aligned Movement of which Indonesia is a founding member. "Romania's whose foreign policy is independent of the Soviet Union, has a lot of similarities with Indonesia's," said the Indonesian daily Kompas in an editorial. It said Romania supported the stand of the Association of South-East Asian nations (Asean) on Kampuchea and also urged the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan.

It is Ceausescu's second Asian trip in 12 months. He toured India, Bangladesh, Burma and Nepal and stopped over in Pakistan last May.

## Japanese team promises more investments in Manila

MANILA, Philippines, April 9, (AP): A Japanese economic delegation said today that nine Japanese companies had agreed to fund business projects worth \$114 million in the Philippines.

Rokuro Ishikawa, head of the delegation of 127 businessmen, said the projects are concentrated in the manufacture of electronic equipment, chemicals, garments, food ceramics and transportation machinery.

Ishikawa said Japanese businessmen are particularly interested in the Philippines' political stability and expressed concern over reports of protracted labour disputes by militant trade unions.

"However, upon our visit we could see with our own eyes that your country, the private sector and the government are acting in unison to grapple with these problems. We are seeing a certain achievement and results out of all these efforts," Ishikawa said. "It means that viewed from the Japanese side, gradually we can see there is improvement on the climate of investment. The prospect in the Philippines is very bright," he added.

In 1987, Japanese investments in the Philippines totalled \$29.55 million, up from the previous year's \$22.72 million. Trade between the two countries in 1987 reached \$2.7 billion, with the Philippines suffering a deficit of \$15 million.

Ishikawa also said that the two countries had agreed to revive a joint economic committee which was suspended in 1984 to review the projects.

The Philippines' foreign debt stands at nearly \$29 billion.

## \$6m Ifad loan for Nepal

ROME, April 9, (Opecna): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (Ifad) is to extend a \$6 million credit to help finance a rural project in Nepal. The \$12 million project will help improve the income of rural women and the standard of living of their families. Over 16,000 women will benefit. The credit proceeds will be used to provide on-farm activities such as livestock, the cultivation of rice, maize, wheat, vegetable and ginger, while credits for off-farm activities will enable women to set up fodder nurseries, and undertake handicraft and retail activities.

The scheme will also provide credits and grants to the poorest farmers with small land-holdings for the development of simple irrigation systems.

Other co-financiers of the scheme are Unicef (\$2.7 million grant), Finland (\$1 million grant), voluntary agencies (\$300,000) and the Nepal government (\$2.02 million). This brings Ifad total assistance to the country to \$62 million for six projects.

## Economic cooperation talks

BAGHDAD, April 9, (Opecna): Bulgarian Prime Minister Georgi Atanasov arrived here yesterday for talks with Iraqi officials aimed at expanding bilateral economic and trade relations. The two countries are expected to sign new agreements at the end of the 19th session of the joint Iraqi-Bulgarian committee on economic, technical and scientific cooperation meeting during the visit. The Iraqi side to the session is led by Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Karim Hassan Redha, while the Bulgarian delegation is headed by Trade Minister Kiristo Kiristov. Earlier, Kiristov had talks with Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan and Minister of Trade, Mohammed Mehdi Saleh.

In an arrival statement, the Bulgarian prime minister said his visit would further contribute to boosting cooperation between Iraq and Bulgaria.



## Alshall stock price indices

## Shares peer into the gloom

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday April 6, 1988 an average of 36.91 points with a decrease of 0.31 points from last week's average. Alshall index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 46.79 points with a decrease of 0.75 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 10.37 million shares at a daily average of 2.07 million shares with a decrease of 13.4 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 2.39 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 11.81 million shares at a daily average of 2.36 million shares with a decrease of 57.3 per cent from last week's daily average of 5.53 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 3.047 million at a daily average of KD 0.609 million, a decrease of 14.3 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.711 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD 0.356 million at a daily average of KD 0.071 million a decrease of 58 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.169 million.

The market resumed its declining trend for the second week. The decline was more obvious in Gulf shares market in which the trading of some companies was stopped. It is not clear whether this was just a suspension or a deletion from the listed companies. This will be known next week and we will decide accordingly whether to keep these companies in the index calculation or to delete them.

For Kuwaiti shares the banking sector had the lead at 44.8 per cent of total trading volume of which the Gulf Bank had 35 per cent. Kuwait National Bank 28 per cent and Kuwait Finance House 22 per cent.

The Service Sector came second at 29.1 per cent of total trading volume of which Kuwait Commercial Markets had 74 per cent, Mobile Telephone Systems 18 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company 6 per cent. The Real Estate Sector ranked third at 13.1 per cent of which United Realty had 70 per cent and Kuwait Projects 30 per cent.

For Gulf shares the Other Companies Sector ranked first at 79 per cent. With Ras Al-Khaima White Cement having 72 per cent of total Gulf traded shares, followed by Coast Investment 9 per cent, then Bahrain International Bank 7 per cent.

In addition to the fact that the decline has been prevailing in the market since the beginning of the year, the suspension of some Gulf companies from trading together with the shelving of Bubiyan which was announced towards the end of last week had an adverse effect on the market.

## Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

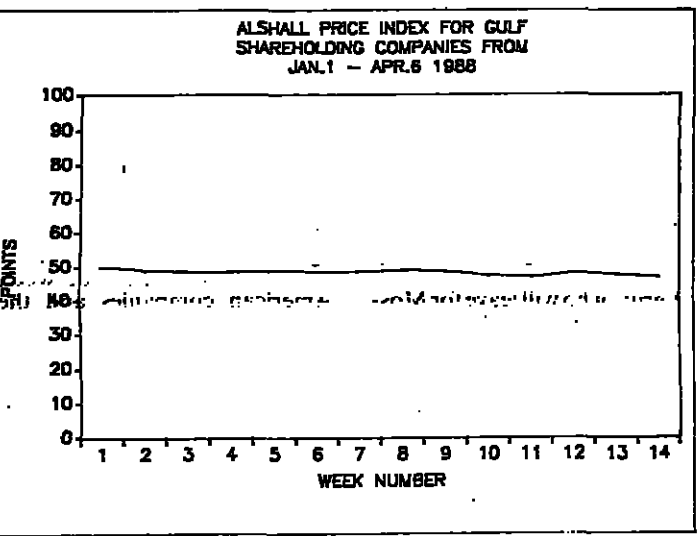
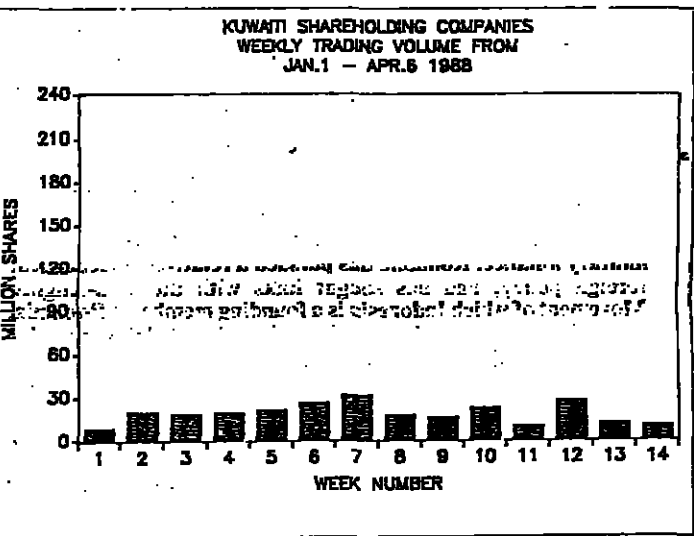
	Wednesday 06/04/88	Wednesday 30/03/88	Change points
<b>Banking Sector</b>			
Kuwait National Bank	88.27	88.27	—
The Gulf Bank	28.51	29.35	-0.84
The Commercial Bank	21.25	21.43	-0.17
Al Ahli Bank	26.91	27.39	-0.48
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	26.75	26.31	0.44
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.16	31.75	-1.59
Burgan Bank	24.38	24.58	-0.20
Kuwait Finance House	61.98	63.55	-1.56
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Kuwait Investment Co.	39.14	39.53	-0.39

Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	27.84	27.84	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	82.54	82.54	—
IFA	75.00	75.00	—
Commercial Facilities	96.25	93.75	2.50
<b>Insurance Sector</b>			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	37.57	37.51	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	45.09	49.09	—
Warba Insurance Co.	72.16	73.88	-1.72
<b>Real Estate Sector</b>			
Kuwait Real Estate	30.59	30.59	—
United Realty	12.96	13.18	-0.22
National Real Estate	45.39	45.39	—
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Kuwait Cement Co.	16.22	16.22	—
Refrigeration Indust.	80.51	80.51	—
Gulf Cables	99.76	99.76	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	50.67	54.22	-3.56
<b>Services Sector</b>			
Kuwait Computer Co.	207.36	205.20	2.16
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	68.69	75.76	-7.07
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	38.95	40.95	-2.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	338.10	338.10	—
<b>Food Sector</b>			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	48.82	49.63	-0.81
United Fisheries	10.34	10.34	—
Kuwait United Poultry	87.28	87.28	—
Kuwait Food Co.	73.56	73.56	—
<b>Overall Index</b>	44.00	44.39	-0.39
<b>Overall Index</b>	36.91	37.21	-0.31

## Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 06/04/88	Wednesday 30/03/88	Change points
<b>Financial Companies</b>			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	92.41	93.79	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	89.22	—
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	72.73	76.19	-3.46
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	62.62	66.49	-3.87
Arabian Gro. Inv. (Shuaa)	59.09	59.09	—
<b>Other Companies</b>			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	12.83	12.83	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	10.53	10.53	—
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	23.33	22.78	0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	18.21	18.21	—
<b>Overall Index</b>	14.84	14.70	0.14
<b>Overall Index</b>	46.79	47.54	-0.75

Base Period 31/12/1983.



## Opec team considers output under cloud of weak oil prices

VIENNA, April 9. (Reuters): Five of Opec's main strategists met in Vienna today against a backdrop of weak oil prices to consider the organisation's output and the impact of increasing supplies from non-Opec producers.

The group's price committee, comprising oil ministers from Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Algeria and Venezuela, is empowered to call an extraordinary meeting of all 13 members which could cut oil production, but signals emerging by midday today seemed to rule out such a gathering.

Panel members arriving on Friday for the one-day session had cooled oil market speculation that there might be a crisis meeting before the next Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministerial meeting due in June which will set production levels for the second half of 1988.

"I don't think we will decide anything that will change past Opec decisions," said Indonesia's recently-appointed Oil Minister, Ginandjar Kartasmita.

## Topic

Delegates said a key topic today would probably be how the organisation might cooperate with non-Opec countries to restrain output, particularly in the light of a recent London strategy meeting of seven non-Opec Third World producers.

The Opec committee will also examine the report of a Dutch auditing firm which is monitoring compliance with the current Opec production and pricing agreement signed here in December.

Oil analysts did not expect an emergency meeting to be called which could change that agreement, particularly with the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan starting on April 18.

In December the organisation set an output ceiling of 15.06 million barrels per day (bpd) for the first six months for 12 of its 13 members. Iraq refused to sign because it did not get output parity with Iran, its Gulf war foe.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were largely steady yesterday amid tight liquidity, although spot-next firm.

Dealers said the market was quiet. The Central Bank abstained from launching new treasury bill or bond issues.

Overnight and tomorrow-next were offered at four per cent with few or no bids but spot-next was traded as high as 9-1/2 per cent after starting the day at 7-1/2, 6-1/2 per cent.

The fixed periods are quiet at around Thursday's levels of seven, 6-1/2 per cent for the one-month, 6-5/8, 1/8 per cent for the three-month, 6-1/4, 5-3/4 per cent for the six-month and six, 5-1/2 per cent for the one-year.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate firmed slightly to 0.2737/87 to the dollar from Thursday's 0.27398/408. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.27380/90.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits were steady yesterday in a dull and liquid market which lacked direction ahead of the traditionally quiet Muslim holy month of Ramadan, due to begin next week.

Dealers said the kingdom's bank were keen to lend one, two and three-month funds but expectations rates would climb later this year dampened trade.

Steady dollar interest rates and an anticipated government bond issue are both expected to exert upward pressure.

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.870	0.870	0.870	0.870	85000	6
GULF BANK	0.340	0.325	0.330	0.325	270000	14
COMMERCIAL BK	0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244	140000	5
AHLI BANK	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	100000	2
B.K.M.E.B.	0.305	—	—	—	—	—
K.R.E.B.	0.380	—	—	—	—	—
BURBAN BANK	0.246	0.244	0.244	0.244	330000	8
K.F.HOUSE	0.410	0.410	0.410	0.410	10000	1
<b>INVESTMENT SECTOR</b>						
KWT INV. CO.	0.184	0.178	0.178	0.178	20000	1
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	—	—	—	—	—
K.I.I.C.	0.162	—	—	—	—	—
COM.FACILITIES	0.385	—	—	—	—	—
AHLIA INV.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
I.F.A.	0.102	—	—	—	—	—
INV. PEARL KWT	0.104	—	—	—	—	—
<b>INSURANCE SECTOR</b>						
KWT INSURANCE	0.690	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INSURANCE	0.370	—	—	—	—	—
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.510	—	—	—	—	—
WARBA INS. CO.	0.420	—	—	—	—	—
<b>REAL EST. SECTOR</b>						
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.240	—	—	—	—	—
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	—	—	—	—	—
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.224	—	—	—	—	—
SALHIAH R.E.	0.075	—	—	—	—	—
KWT PROJECTS	0.088	—	—	—	—	—
KWT R.E.I. CON	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
<b>INDUSTRY SECTOR</b>						
NAT IND. CO.	0.510	—	—	—	—	—
KWT H.P. IND.	0.295	—	—	—	—	—
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.238	—	—	—	—	—
REF. IND. CO.	0.385	—	—	—	—	—
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF CABLE	0.970	—	—	—	—	—
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.114	—	—	—	—	—
CONT. MARINE	0.350	—	—	—	—	—
K.S.H.REP.CO.	0.042	—	—	—	—	—
<b>SERVICES SECTOR</b>						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081	—	—	—	—	—
K.W.C.CO.	0.190	—	—	—	—	—
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.174	—	—	—	—	—
P.WAREHOUSING	0.136	0.140	0.140	0.140	40000	2
COM.MKT.CHPX.	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	240000	2
MOBILE TELX.	0.355	0.355	0.355	0.355	100000	6
KWT COMPUTER	0.192	—	—	—	—	—
<b>FOOD SECTOR</b>						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.240	—	—	—	—	—
UNIT FISHERIES	0.146	—	—	—	—	—
UNIT POULTRY	0.238	—	—	—	—	—
KWT FOODS	0.300	—	—	—	—	—
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	—	—	—	—	—
<b>NON-KWT SECTOR</b>						
BHN.INTER.BK	0.067	—	—	—	—	—
BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.047	—	—	—	—	—
UNIT GULF BK	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
COAST INVEST.	0.084	0.085	0.085	0.085	40000	1
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.039	—	—	—	—	—
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	—	—	—	—	—
B.K.I.G.	0.081	—	—	—	—	—

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INTL INS.	0.009	—	—	—	—	—
ARAB INT CO.	0.055	—	—	—	—	—
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF UNION INS.	0.055	—	—	—	—	—
<b>INDUSTRIAL SECTOR</b>						
GULF MEDICAL	0.016	—	—	—	—	—
C.R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.021	—	—	—	—	—
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	—	—	—	—	—
E-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.008	—	—	—	—	—
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	—	—	—	—	—
G-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.015	—	—	—	—	—
N-UNW QATMAIN	0.019	—	—	—	—	—

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 9.4.88			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
3	Arafat	KSA	4843150
4	Hui Yang	M. Bahar	2433881
5	Rashidah	Gh & Q	4747815
6	Zarka	Gh & Q	4747815
7	Gui Jiang	M. Bahar	2433881
8	Felix	Al Sawan	4746018
9	Tug Abu Samir	G. Star	845501
	Barge Maryam	G. Star	845501
15	Suhl	PPA	2433537
17	Marianne	Al Bader	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
9/4	Sammii Blonde	G. Qutub	4747815
9/4	Buzzet	M. Bahar	2433881
9/4	Gulf Liberty	Al Salmiah	4745471
10/4	Mandama	Al Barber	4842988
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Esprit	Gh Barber	4842988
7	Kol	Gh Qutub	4747815
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
7/4	Ionian Empress	Gh Barber	4842988
8/4	Grace Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
8/4	Uco XVII	S. Shaheen	2432692
12/4	Trade Freedom	M. Bahar	2433881
10/4	Torbay	KMMC	2419814
11/4	Dubai	UASC	4843150
11/4	Wave Crest	RSMS	2423642
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## Government tries to boost productivity

## Bright prospects for Iraq economy

WASHINGTON, April 9. (Kuna): A study by the US Commerce Department has concluded that Iraq's economy seems to have stabilised despite the costs of the eight-year-old war with Iran.

The study, acquired by Kuna, says that "the overall economic outlook has now improved as a result of the rebound of oil prices, government austerity programmes which cut domestic civilian expenditures, and overall import levels, and new bilateral debt reschedulings."

The study on Iraq is part of the Commerce Department's "foreign economic trends and their implications for the United States" which is issued on countries around the world. These

annual surveys are usually prepared by the American embassies in these countries and forwarded to the State and Commerce Departments in Washington.

The survey shows that the Iraqi economy in the fall of 1987 — the latest period covered in this study — was much better off than in 1986, when Iraq suffered from the 1986 decline in world oil prices, the drop in the dollar's value, the problems of meeting Iraq's sizeable foreign debts, and the fiscal and physical costs of the war with Iran.

The Commerce Department study expects Iraq's 1987 oil revenues to be nearly 50 per cent above the 1986 \$7.5 billion figure.

It notes that Iraq's government is now pursuing wide-rang-

ing economic reforms to increase productivity and to encourage private sector industrial growth and import substitution.

According to the study, oil exports earn over 95 per cent of Iraq's foreign exchange income. Oil production accounts for about 60 per cent of Iraq's Gross National Product (GNP).

**Facilities**  
New oil export facilities, opened in 1984 through Turkey and in 1985 through Saudi Arabia, have enabled Iraq to increase crude oil export levels and bypass older export facilities closed or destroyed because of the war.

Completion of the new 500,000 barrels per day loop of the existing Iraq-Turkey pipeline in August 1987, raised Iraq's oil exports to over 2 million barrels

per day of crude, the study says.

The recently-signed Iraq-Saudi Arabia pipeline project will boost Iraq's oil export capacity to well over 3 million barrels per day by late 1989, according to the Commerce Department study.

**Reserves**  
The published statistics in this study show that Iraq is the United States' third best customer in the Arab world after Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

US exports to Iraq in 1987 were likely to reach nearly \$700 million. Agricultural products lead US exports to Iraq, followed by capital goods, parts, and components.



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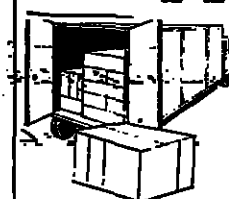
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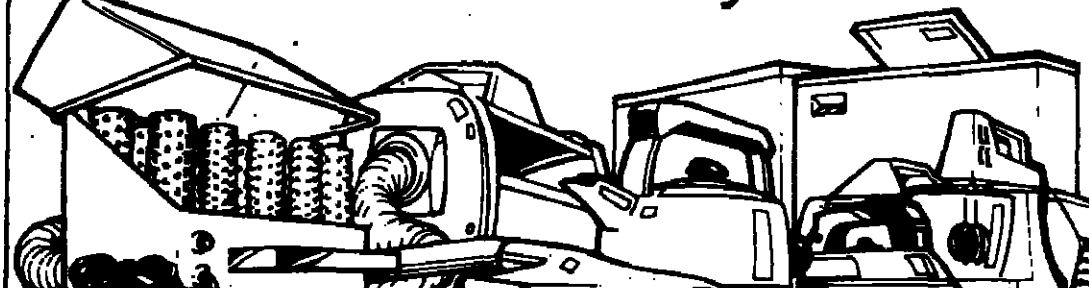
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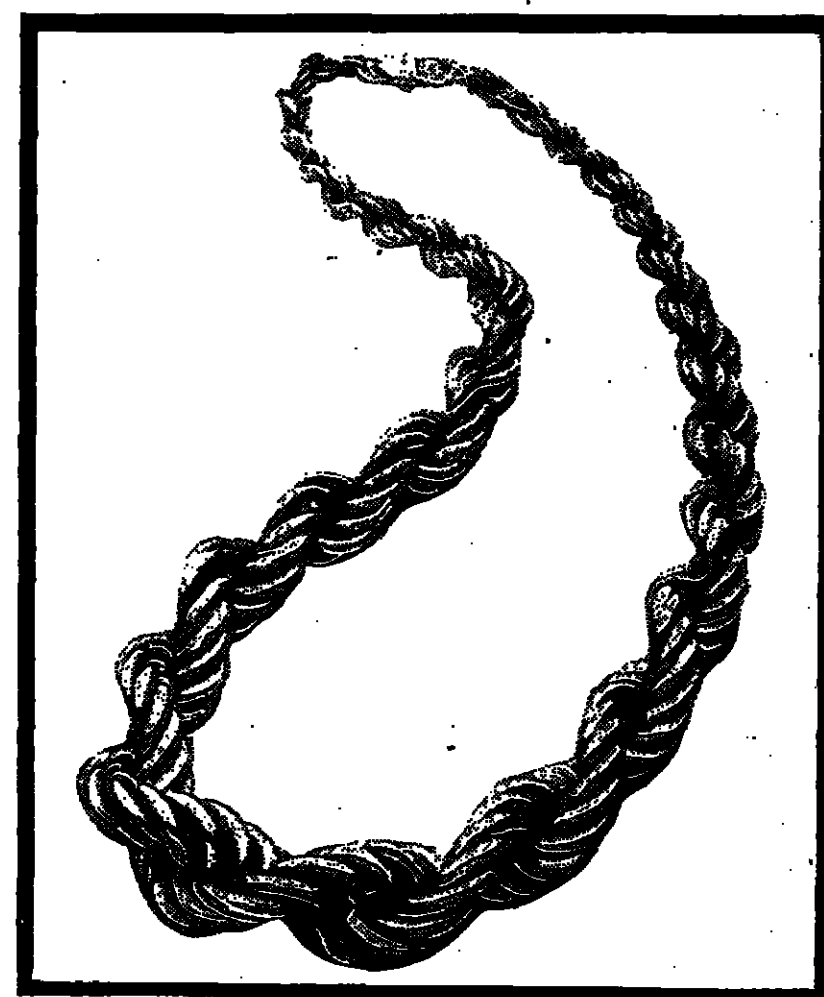
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## Abdon and Guiamoy take top spots

RYAN ABDON put in a brilliant performance to finish on top in the elimination round of the Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) Handicap Bowling Tournament at the 300 Club on Friday.

Abdon scored 224, 185 and 184 in the first, second and third games respectively, plus a handicap of 27 points, to finish with a total of 620.

Rudy Zablan took the second position with a score of 562 while Jojo Medrano finished third with 533.

In the women's division, Bhe Guiamoy captured the top spot with a scratch score of 495, with 96 handicap points, to finish the elimination round with a total of 591. Cora Paras was second with 579 points and Pim Pimpino third with 573.

The High Game in the elimination round was taken by Rudy Zablan with a total score of 242 while Ryan Abdon ran away with the High Series Game by scoring 620.

Bojo Hamdan posted her High Game with 216 pinfalls while Bhe Guiamoy finished on top in the women's High Series with 591.

According to PBAK president Manny Inserto, the semifinals will be held on Friday, April 15, at 9:30 am.

### Qualifiers

**Men's Division:** Ryan Abdon, Philippines; Rudy Zablan, Philippines; Jojo Medrano, Philippines; Ernie Landrito, Philippines; Carl Baginda, Philippines; Sammy Begonia, Philippines; Bill Combs, USA; Munib Hamdan, Palestine; Ari Cabal, Philippines; Manny Inserto, Philippines; Saleh Karam, Kuwait; Boy Bagat, Philippines; Mac Ampalayo, Philippines; Norman Reyes, Philippines; Ben Dantes, Philippines; Jun Mojica, Philippines; Jun Manalo, Philippines; Pete Niera, Philippines; Bob Peck, USA; Hamad Al Hassan, Kuwait; Mandy Salvo, Philippines; Celso Estrada, Philippines; Jaya Balan, Malaysia; Peping Ilagan, Philippines; Rico Pino, Philippines; Dodie Bautista, Philippines; Tony Lacson, Philippines; Nonoy Maramba, Philippines; Joe Chanwit, Thailand; Joel Laron, Philippines.

**Women's Division:** Bhe Guiamoy, Philippines; Cora Paras, Philippines; Pim Pimpino, Philippines; Amya Alcantara, Philippines; Lynne Reyes, Philippines; Vangie Simoy, Philippines; Lilia Ganancial, Philippines; Bojo Hamdan, Philippines; Baby Militante, Philippines.

The tournament is organised by Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) and sponsored by Gulf Trading and Maritime Establishment (GTME).

## Astros rally for victory over Reds

NEW YORK, April 9, (AP): The Houston Astros are used to long nights early in the season at Riverfront stadium. They're not used to closing out an April marathon with a victory.

The Astros nearly lost, then nearly won last night against the Reds before finally winning 8-3 in 16 innings. They were one out from defeat when Glenn Davis hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to tie it 2-2. They led 3-2 after Alan Ashby's home run in the 13th, only to see the Reds rally.

But, in the 16th, there was no stopping Houston from getting its third consecutive victory.

Reliever Larry Andersen started the winning rally by striking out the winning batter, Jose Rijo, the sixth Cincinnati pitcher. Rijo threw wildly to first on Gerald Young's sacrifice bunt, leaving runners at first and third. Young stole second and Billy Hatcher followed with a two-run single.

Davis got an RBI single following Hatcher's hit for a 6-3 lead. A run-scoring single by Rafael Ramirez and a sacrifice fly by Ashby completed the big inning.

### Dodgers 6, Braves 3

Atlanta stayed the only winless team at 0-4, despite playing all home games, as Alfredo Griffin's bases-loaded triple broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth.

### Giants 5, Padres 1

At San Francisco, Kevin Mitchell drove in three runs with a home run and single and new leadoff man Brett Butler sparked two rallies for the giants, who kept San Diego winless in four games.

### Results

National League	8	Cincinnati	3
Houston	8	Montreal	4
Chicago	6	New York	4
Philadelphia	5	St. Louis	3
Los Angeles	6	Atlanta	3
Pittsburgh	4	San Francisco	3
San Francisco	5	San Diego	1
American League			
Cleveland	3	Baltimore	0
New York	1	Milwaukee	4
Minnesota	4	Toronto	3
Kansas City	1	Detroit	0
Boston	4	Texas	0
Chicago	3	Seattle	2
Oakland A's	8	California	2

## SABATINI THRASHES HANIKA

# Navratilova struggles past Reggi

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 9, (AP): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova needed three sets and nearly two hours yesterday to beat No. 8 seed Rafaela Reggi of Italy in the \$300,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup tennis tournament.

Navratilova won the match 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals.

Navratilova, who previously had never lost a set to Reggi, lost the first game and the first set in the quarterfinal match.

Navratilova, ranked No. 2 in the world, was plagued by unforced errors and Reggi's slicing, two-handed backhand.

"I made a lot of unforced errors. ... also, she played a lot better than I thought (she would)."

### Better

"It took me a while to figure out that her backhand was better than her forehand," Navratilova said. "So I played to her forehand."

It was an emotional match for the players and the spectators.

During the first game of the second set Navratilova screamed at herself, and in the third set threw her racket to the ground.

After Reggi won the first set 6-4, much of the crowd began cheering for the Italian, who at



Navratilova tries to catch her breath after hitting a diving winner in the third set. (Reuter wirephoto)

one points waved them on for more enthusiasm.

"The crowd was for the underdog," Reggi said. "They were for the girl who was supposed to get killed."

Reggi, 22, at one point fired a backhanded ground shot right at Navratilova's feet, accompanied by a savage scream.

"I was right there by the ball," Navratilova said. "But it went right under my racket. She screamed all right. I'll have to learn that one."

But Navratilova's own brand of emotion later flashed. She made a diving volley accompanied by a warrior cry for a winner

in front of the packed stands.

Navratilova will meet No. 3 seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria in the semis.

Maleeva defeated fifth-seeded Lori McNeil of the United States, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, in the quarterfinals. Despite the win, Maleeva was not satisfied with the match.

"I made too many mistakes. I didn't play very well. I hope I play better than (that) against Martina."

"(But) I think I won the most important points of the match," said Maleeva, ranked sixth in the world.

McNeil agreed.

"I would say it was a case of missed chances. I played well, I just didn't put enough points together back to back," McNeil said.

"I feel comfortable on clay. It was just a matter of being pretty patient ... and a matter of not being patient enough at some times."

"The times I forced her, I forced her into hitting a lot of good shots," said the 24-year-old McNeil.

Navratilova said she hasn't played Maleeva "in a long time," and never on clay.

"It'll be interesting. I'm looking forward to it. Either I'll beat

her or I'll beat myself," said Navratilova.

Maleeva lost all six sets to Navratilova at Wimbledon in 1984, the Virginia Slims in Washington in 1985 and at Eastbourne the same year.

No. 6 seed Zina Garrison, also of the United States, defeated the No. 14 seed, Helen Klesi of Canada, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.

"I knew there was nothing she had that could hurt me," said Garrison, of the United States. "All she could do was hit from the back court, she didn't volley the ball."

Garrison will meet No. 2 seed Gabriela Sabatini in the semifinal round in further contention for the \$60,000 top prize.

### Expected

"I wanted to play Sabatini. You see the first two seeds in the tournament and you want to get them because they are the ones that are expected to win," Garrison said.

Sabatini defeated No. 9 seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Sabatini, of Argentina, said she expects Garrison to be a tougher opponent.

Garrison is coming more to the net, she gets every ball, she runs very well," said the 17-year-old. "I just have to keep concentrating."

## Roman wrests WBC title from Rojas



Roman raises his arms in victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

MIAMI, April 9, (Reuter): Gilberto Roman of Mexico regained the World Boxing Council superflyweight title yesterday in a 12-round points decision over Jesus "Sugar Baby" Rojas, dealing the Colombian his first professional loss.

Both fighters were bloodied by the end of the bout as Roman suffered a deep gash over his right eye from a second round butt and Rojas was cut on the right eyelid in the ninth.

Stop "Every round my cut bothered me and in the early going I was afraid they might try to stop the fight," Roman said. "Blood kept dropping in my eye and he kept jabbing at it."

"It was a very rough fight. I thought he would move more and be tougher, but mostly he just used his head and held."

Rojas, losing his first of 32 professional bouts in only his second title defence, saw it differently.

"I was the one doing the boxing out there," he said. "Roman was the dirty fighter. He kept trying to butt me."

Referee John Thomas, who himself got knocked down and

whose shirt was covered in blood by the end of the match, agreed with Roman.

"I had to keep telling Rojas every round to quit using his head, to quit holding, to quit falling," said Thomas.

"If Rojas would have just stood back and jabbed, it would have been a good fight. But when they started beating the hell out of me, I just decided I'm gonna let those guys just fight it out. I don't get paid to take punches."

Roman, whose record is now 46 wins, four losses and one draw, held the title from March 1986 until May 1987 when his fight against Santos Laciari in Paris was stopped.

Rojas won the title from Laciari last August, and Roman said the victory that restored the title to him was fated.

Trled "I was confident I had the style to beat him," Roman said.

"After I lost my title fight I tried to look at it as if the championship belt was just stored away for me."

Judge Tony Castellanos scored the fight 115-111. Spider Bynum had it 115-112 and Dave Moretti scored it 118-110.

## Navratilova to play in Bausch event



Navratilova may face Graf

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, April 9, (AP): Second-ranked Martina Navratilova will compete in next week's Bausch and Lomb Championships, a promoter said yesterday, creating the possibility of her first match in seven months against No. 1 Steffi Graf.

Navratilova entered as a replacement for injured Hana Mandlikova in the \$300,000 women's tournament, which starts Monday. Graf will be seeded No. 1 and Navratilova No. 2 in the 56-player field, which means the rivals could meet in the finals.

### Losses

"We're obviously delighted," said Robert J. Arrix, president and chief executive of Capital Sports, the tournament promoter.

Navratilova beat Graf in two of their four matches in 1987, and those were the West German teenager's only losses. But Graf ended Navratilova's five-year reign as the No. 1 player.

Navratilova holds a 7-3 career edge.

## Ireland triumph in 50km road race

NEW YORK, April 9, (AP): Ireland, spurred by a brilliant performance by John Treacy, scored a surprisingly easy victory over the United States team today in the Asics Cup America's Ekiden 50-kilometre road relay.

Treacy, the silver medalist in the 1984 Olympic marathon and the 1978 and 1979 world cross-country champion, ran the fourth leg of 1,500 kilometres for Ireland.

He started his leg 23 seconds behind Mark Curp, ranked the No. 1 road racer in the United States last year. By the time he was finished and handed the sash to anchorman John Doherty,

Treacy was about 45 seconds ahead of Curp.

Doherty, running 10 kilometres, then withstood a strong challenge from Ed Eyston of the United States. Eyston, at one time closed the gap to about 20 seconds before falling back in the closing stages.

The winning time for the Ireland team in the race through the streets of New York was 2 hours, 25 minutes, 12 seconds.

Preceding Treacy and Doherty for Ireland were Marcus O'Sullivan, the second fastest indoor mile in history, who ran the opening five-kilometre leg, Frank O'Mara, the 1987 world

indoor 3,000-metre champion who covered eight kilometres, and Roy Dooney, who ran 12 kilometres.

Ireland and the United States, timed in 2:26:02, were followed by England in 2:27:32 and the Soviet Union in 2:27:49 among the nine international teams competing in the first Ekiden held outside Japan.

Of the 50 state teams plus the district of Columbia and New York City that were entered, the first-place finisher was California.

More than \$200,000 in prize money was at stake, with the winning team collecting \$20,000.

## Lyle hits 5-under-par 67 for halfway lead in Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 9, (Reuter): Sandy Lyle of Britain, coming off a victory last week, shot a five-under-par 67 yesterday to take the lead halfway through the 1988 Masters tournament.

Lyle, one of only six players to break par in the first round due to strong, gusty winds, held a two-stroke lead over American Mark Calcavecchia, who added a 69 to his opening 71.

"I'm playing my best game," Lyle, the 1985 British Open champion said, after making six birdies and one bogey, for a two-round total of 138. "I'm reaping the rewards of hard work and practice."

Lyle, who won the Greater Greensboro Open last week and the Phoenix Open earlier this year, also acknowledged that experience helps in the Masters.

### Criticised

"I've played here for about six years, so I'm getting to know the course better — where to hit and where not."

The subject of the Augusta National Golf Club's 6,905-yard course became a hot topic when veteran Fuzzy Zoeller severely criticised its putting surfaces.

Zoeller, who finished the day tied at 142 with fellow-American Gary Hallberg 142, shocked many players and sportswriters with his comments.

Zoeller fired a six-under-par 66, the best round of the tournament — and then bitterly criticised the cherished Augusta

course, considered one of the greatest in all of golf.

"It's no fun to play golf when the greens are as fast and as hard as they are," the usually happy-go-lucky Zoeller said.

"The greens are so fast they're unbelievable," the admittedly angry Zoeller said in a highly unusual tirade — especially after he made seven birdies and only one bogey.

"I get angry when I hit good shots and don't get rewarded," Zoeller said of the extremely firm putting surfaces.

Zoeller, the only player to win the Masters in his first appearance, in 1979, said he was not directing his anger only at Augusta National.

"It's not just Augusta, it's all the majors. The majors are getting to be a joke," added Zoeller, who also won the 1984 US Open.

Hallberg, who has won two tournaments in eight years on the American PGA Tour, also had some unkind remarks about the greens of Augusta.

"The greens are like concrete," Hallberg said after three-putting twice. "Think of a pool (billiards) table with potato chips (crisps) scattered around it."

Hallberg said, referring to ball marks and other imperfections on the putting surfaces.

Former Masters champions Tom Watson and Bernhard Langer of West Germany were tied at 143 along with Americans Fred



Lyle: reaping rewards of hard work

Couples, Chip Beck, and Dan Pooley.

They rounded out the list of

players to beat par over two rounds on the demanding course, which played a lot easier

yesterday than the day before, when strong wind sent scores soaring.

Watson, a winner of eight major championships, including five British Opens, disagreed with Zoeller's comments about the course.

"The greens are perfect. That's what a major championship is about," said Watson, who won here in 1977 and 1981. "You need a perfect (approach) shot."

Veteran American Hubert Green, who also carded a 70, was at level par 144 along with Robert Wrenn, who carded a 75 after sharing the first round lead with a 69.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, a strong pre-tournament favourite to win his third Masters, added a par 72 to his opening 73 and stood tied at 145. Joining him were Americans Ben Crenshaw and Craig Stadler, a couple of former champions. Mark McNulty of South Africa and Gary Koch.

Tommy Nakajima of Japan, who matched par, was tied at 146 with Americans Curtis Strange, who had a round of 70 that included a hole-in-one on the difficult 12th hole. It was the first ace in a Masters since 1972 and only the third ever on the 155-yard par three.

David Frost of South Africa was tied at 147 with Americans Bob Tway and Mac O'Grady and first-round co-leader Larry Nelson, who inexplicably struggled to a 78 which included nine



Annacone: upsets top-seeded Connors

## Annacone eliminates Connors for semifinals

CHICAGO, April 9, (AP): Second-seeded Tim Mayotte survived an early rash of errors to score a 6-1, 6-4 quarterfinal victory over Dan Goldie last night after top-seeded Jimmy Connors was eliminated by eighth-seeded Paul Annacone at the \$315,000 Volvo Chicago tennis tournament.

Mayotte, rated ninth in the world, was to face unseeded Scott Davis of the United States, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over John Ross of the United States, in one of today's semifinals.

Shunned

Annacone, the eighth seed, of the United States, stunned the 35-year-old Connors, 7-5, 6-1, beating him for the first time.

Annacone's opponent in today's other semifinal was to be third-seeded Brad Gilbert of the United States. Gilbert survived a poorly played second set to stop South Africa's Gary Muller, 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.

Annacone, ranked No. 50 in the world and without a tournament championship since 1985, started slowly but got the better of five first-set service breaks.

Annacone's last break came in the 11th game. Annacone was down an advantage point in the final game of the set but closed it out when Connors lost three straight points, hitting his last two shots out of bounds.

After holding serve in the second game of the second set

with two five passing shots, Annacone broke Connors in the fifth game and won the last four games of the set.

Connors, who won only three points off Annacone's serve in the second set, finished the match with three straight unforced errors.

"I have a bad match once a year, and today was that day," he said. "I don't have any excuses."

Mayotte, of the United States, and Goldie, a former Stanford player, traded service breaks in the first two games of the opening set.

But from that point, Mayotte took complete charge, defeating the world's 42nd-ranked player with a barrage of passing shots and scoring several winners off his booming serve.

Goldie was unable to hold serve in the fourth or sixth games, and lost the set when he failed to return a vicious serve.

Mayotte saved his best for the 10th and final game, scoring with an overhead slam, a passing shot, and a winner, and then finished off Goldie with his fourth ace.

Succumbed

Davis, rated 66th in the world, was more than a match for Ross, who succumbed in one hour and nine minutes.

In the tiebreaker, Gilbert grabbed a 2-0 advantage. But after a controversial call on the next point which went against Gilbert, Muller went on to take the set with a 7-5 verdict.

## Celtics outclass Nets

BOSTON, April 9, (AP): Larry Bird scored 21 points, including Boston's first seven, as the Celtics burst out of a four-day layoff to crush the tired New Jersey Nets 127-90 last night.

The Celtics never trailed and led by at least 10 points after the first 4:09. They built leads of 36-23 after one quarter, 68-41 at halftime, 94-59 after three quarters and a game-high 127-88 with 14 seconds left.

Boston, playing its first NBA game since last Sunday, extended its winning streak to six games. New Jersey, playing its fifth game in seven days, lost its ninth straight.

Bird played just 26 minutes and sat out the entire fourth quarter. Boston rookie Brad Lohaus had a career-high 20 points.

Pistons 96, 76ers 86

Isiah Thomas scored 21 points and Adrian Dantley 20, and both helped the Detroit Pistons fight

off a fourth quarter rally to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers 96-86.

Joe Dumars added 19 points as the first-place Pistons increased their lead to a full game over the Atlanta Hawks in the Central Division.

Philadelphia, which lost its third straight game, lost a chance to gain ground in the Eastern Conference playoff race with four other teams. The 76ers are in 10th place and eight teams make the playoffs in each conference.

Charles Barkley led the 76ers with 21 points and 21 rebounds, while Cliff Robinson added 17 points for Philadelphia.

Cavaliers 104, Bucks 85

Brad Daugherty scored 22 points and Ron Harper added 21 as the Cleveland Cavaliers led a 29-point lead en route to a 104-85 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Cleveland led 97-68 with 4:38 left in the game and went on to hold sixth place in the Eastern Conference. The Cavaliers are battling Indiana, New York, Washington and Philadelphia for three playoff spots.

The fifth-place Bucks have lost three straight times, but still lead Cleveland by four games.

Results			
Boston	127	New Jersey	90
Cleveland	104	Milwaukee	86
Detroit	96	Philadelphia	86
Washington	107	Indiana	100
Chicago	131	New York	122
Dallas	118	Utah	95
Denver	129	San Antonio	124
Golden State	112	Phoenix	111
L.A. Lakers	126	L.A. Clippers	107
Seattle	114	Portland	100



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Iraqi team

KUALA LUMPUR, April 9, (Kuna): Malaysia will soon order an investigation into the reasons which led the Iraqi football team to pull out from the pre-Asian Cup soccer tournament in progress here. The investigation will be ordered by the Malaysian Minister of Youth and Sports Najib Tun Razak, with instructions to the Malaysian Football Association to prepare a detailed report on the Iraqi grievances, to be submitted to him.

## Soviet coach

MOSCOW, April 9, (Reuters): Soviet national soccer coach Valery Lobanovsky has developed a serious heart problem, a Soviet sports official said.

## Caretaker manager

CARDIFF, April 9, (Reuters): Former Leeds United midfielder Terry Yorath was appointed caretaker manager of Wales yesterday for their next three friendly soccer internationals.

## £1m offer

AMSTERDAM, April 9, (Reuters): British business tycoon Robert Maxwell has offered Johan Cruyff £1 million (\$1.8 million) to help build Utrecht into a club capable of breaking PSV Eindhoven's domination of the Dutch Soccer League.

## Soviet player

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., April 9, (Reuters): The president of the New Jersey Devils denied yesterday that the National Hockey League (NHL) team had signed Soviet Vyacheslav Fetisov, but he said negotiations with the star defenceman were continuing.

## Pat Cash

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, April 9, (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, who missed Australia's Davis Cup clash with France this weekend because his girlfriend was expecting their second child, became the father of a girl on Thursday, team-mate Darren Cahill said.

## Taiwan Open

TAIPEI, April 9, (Reuters): Taiwanese Lin Chi-Hsiang holed out from a bunker at the 16th and went on to card a one over par 73 to move to the top of the leader board after the third round of the Taiwan Open golf championship today.

## Cup showjumping

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, April 9, (Reuters): Britain's Malcolm Pirah and John Whitaker staged a revival in the World Cup showjumping final yesterday to take first and second place respectively on the second day of competition.

## Yamaha Cup

FUKUOKA, Japan, April 9, (AP): Taiwan's Huang Yueh-Chyn fired two birdies and one bogey on the last four holes en route to a 72 today and took the sole lead entering the final round of the 50 million yen (\$400,000) Yamaha Cup women's open golf tournament.

## Rameez hits unbeaten half-century

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, April 9, (Reuters): A cavalier unbeaten 54 by opener Rameez Raja helped Pakistan to 93 for one at lunch on the first day of their four-day cricket match against the West Indies under-23 side today. Rameez, lofting the ball impudently over the close field, reached his 50 off only 62 balls with nine boundaries. Mudassar Nazar, captaining Pakistan for the first time, had a slice of luck in the second over of the day when he was dropped in the gully off paceman Barrington Brown.

## Bowled

But he failed to profit markedly from his let-off and was bowled for 30 shortly before lunch by off-spinner Nehemiah Parry's quicker ball. The opening pair had put on 87 for the first wicket. Shoaib Mohammed joined Rameez and at the interval was four not out. Scores: Pakistan 93 for one (Rameez Raja 54 not out) vs West Indies under-23.

THE Hilton Bridge Club games will be conducted at the Hilton premises every Sunday at 8.00pm from this evening. Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club games played on Saturday morning: 1. Nida Khalaf & Joanne Chiles 2. Nabil Akel & Lolo Mirdwaite 3. Lyn Edwards & Pearl Leary

## ALDRIDGE SCORES TWO AGAINST FOREST

## Liverpool to face Wimbledon in Cup final

LONDON, April 9, (Reuters): John Aldridge, who will never replace Ian Rush in the eyes of the fans at Anfield, was the hero of the hour as Liverpool overcame Nottingham Forest to reach the Football Association (FA) Cup final today.

Aldridge, Liverpool's premier striker since Rush joined Juventus this season, scored both goals as three times Cup winners Liverpool reached the final for the eighth time.

Liverpool's opponents at Wembley on May 14 will be unfashionable Wimbledon, who came from a goal behind to beat Luton Town 2-1 in the other semifinal at White Hart Lane, Tottenham.

Liverpool, chasing their second League and FA Cup double in three years, exacted full revenge for last Saturday's 2-1 defeat by Forest in the First Division with a typically professional display at Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough ground.

## Swarmed

They had to survive a torrid opening 10 minutes as the young Forest side swarmed around goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar in search of an early goal. But Liverpool took the lead in their first real attack in the 12th minute.

Forest defender Steve Chettle pulled down England forward John Barnes and Aldridge coolly slotted home the resultant penalty for his 24th goal of the season.

The Irishman reached the

quarter-century mark after 52 minutes when he volleyed home from close range following a move involving Barnes and his England colleague Peter Beardsley.

Forest boss Brian Clough, appearing in his first FA Cup semifinal after 26 years as a player and manager, watched Liverpool assume total control after that but they could not convert their supremacy into a third goal.

And Liverpool found their League and Cup, double hopes under threat in the 66th minute when Nigel Clough, subject of a £1.5 million (\$2.8 million) transfer bid from Pisa of Italy in mid-week, reduced the lead.

Grobelaar failed to hold a long cross from Forest striker Paul Wilkinson and Clough junior forced home the first FA Cup goal of his career, his first ever against Liverpool, and the first the Reds' had conceded in this season's competition.

Wimbledon, who left the Fourth Division only five years ago, totally dominated the first half against Luton but fell behind to a Mick Harford goal after 48 minutes.

That only served to increase Wimbledon's determination and they drew level six minutes later when Luton reserve goalkeeper Andy Dibble, who has played only three first-team games in two seasons, presented them with a goal equaliser.

Dibble, guilty of a series of nervous errors from the opening



Aldridge: got both the goals

minute, failed to clutch a Denis Wise corner and could only prevent a certain goal by impeding Wimbledon striker Terry Gibson.

John Fashanu thundered home the inevitable penalty and, with Wembley back in their sights, Wimbledon increased the tempo.

With 10 minutes remaining, Dibble, substituting for injured

Les Sealey, was at fault again when he was slow to react following another corner and wise pounced to complete a famous victory.

The Wimbledon-Luton tie attracted a crowd of barely 26,000, the lowest post-war attendance at an FA Cup semifinal.

## Results

FA Cup semifinals  
Notts Forest 1 Liverpool 2  
(At Hillsborough, Sheffield)  
Wimbledon 2 Luton 1  
(At White Hart Lane, Tottenham)

English Division One  
Chelsea 1 Derby 0  
Coventry 0 Charlton 0  
Everton 2 Portsmouth 1  
Newcastle 1 QPR 2  
Southampton 4 Arsenal 2  
Walsall 3 Oxford 0  
Widford 3 Oxford 0

Postponed: Manchester United v Wimbledon, Nottingham Forest v West Ham, Tottenham v Luton.

English Division Two  
Birmingham 1 Sheffield U 0  
Bradford 2 Hull 0  
Crystal P 1 Aston Villa 1  
Middlesbrough 2 Manchester C 1  
Millwall 3 Plymouth 2  
Oxford 5 Stoke 1  
Swindon 2 Barnsley 1

Scottish FA Cup semifinals  
Celtic 2 Hearts 1  
(At Hampden Park)  
Dundee U 0 Aberdeen 0  
(At Dens Park)

Scottish Premier Division  
Morton 3 Rangers 2  
Postponed: Aberdeen v Hibernian, Celtic v St Mirren, Dundee v Motherwell, Falkirk v Dundee United, Hearts v Dunfermline.

English Division Three  
Barnet 2 Gillingham 2  
Barnford 1 Wigan 0  
Brighton 2 Blackpool 1  
Bristol C 2 Notts County 1  
Bury 0 Aldershot 0  
Chesham 1 Fulham 2  
Grimsby 1 Chester 1  
Port Vale 1 Sunderland 4  
Southend 2 Doncaster 1  
Walsall 3 Bristol R 1  
Rotherham 0 York 1

Playing Sunday: Northampton v Mansfield

English Division Four  
Crewe 3 Darlington 1  
Exeter 1 Bolton 1  
Hartlepool 1 Stockport 3  
Leyton O 4 Carlisle 1  
Newport 0 Peterborough 4  
Scarborough 2 Hereford 1  
Sutton 1 Tranmere 2  
Torquay 2 Cardiff 0  
Wrexham 2 Southport 1  
Burnley 3 Halifax 1  
Colchester 1 Rochdale 0

Playing Sunday: Cambridge v Wolverhampton

Scottish Division One  
Airdrie 1 Queen of S 1  
Clydebank 3 Forfar 2  
East Fife 2 Clyde 0  
Hamilton 2 Raith 1  
Kilmarnock 2 Dumbarton 1  
Partick 2 Meadowbank 1

Scottish Division Two  
Albion 1 Queen's Park 2  
Ayr 1 Montrose 1  
Arbroath 3 Stranraer 1  
Berwick 0 St Johnstone 2  
Broxburn 1 Elgin 0  
Cowdenbeath 0 Alloa 1  
Stirling 3 Stenhousemuir 2

Standings  
English and Scottish League soccer tables after matches played today (goals for, against, points).  
English Division One  
Liverpool 33 23 8 2 73 20 77

Manchester U 35 18 12 5 58 35 66  
Everton 33 18 10 7 58 32 64  
Notts Forest 33 18 8 9 43 33 62  
O P R 33 16 10 9 51 33 58  
Wimbledon 34 13 11 10 51 40 50  
Coventry 35 12 11 12 42 49 47  
Sheff Wed 35 14 5 16 43 56 47  
Southampton 36 11 12 13 45 48 45  
Newcastle 34 10 13 11 44 47 43  
Tottenham 37 11 10 16 35 43 43  
Luton 31 12 6 13 46 45 42  
Norwich 35 12 6 17 36 45 42  
Derby 36 9 12 15 45 60 39  
Sheff Utd 34 9 13 13 45 37  
West Ham 36 12 16 30 53 33  
Charlton 35 7 12 16 30 53 33  
Oxford 35 6 12 17 36 60 30  
Widford 35 6 9 20 23 44 27

English Division Two  
Millwall 40 22 7 11 66 47 73  
Middlesbrough 40 20 12 8 56 29 72  
Blackburn 40 20 12 8 63 48 72  
Aston Villa 41 20 11 10 66 41 71  
Bradford 39 20 13 9 63 52 70  
Crystal P 40 19 9 12 79 57 66  
Leeds 40 17 10 13 57 49 61  
Luton 40 17 7 16 71 54 58  
Stoke 41 16 10 15 48 54 58  
Ipswich 39 16 9 14 64 59 57  
Swindon 38 15 9 14 58 54 54  
Barnsley 39 15 8 16 56 54 53  
Plymouth 37 15 7 16 60 52 52  
Sheff Utd 39 13 13 13 48 54 52  
Leicester 40 13 11 16 55 50 50  
Birmingham 40 11 13 16 39 60 46  
Shrewsbury 40 10 14 16 38 50 44  
West Brom 40 12 8 20 45 62 44  
Bournemouth 38 10 9 19 49 62 39  
Sheff Utd 40 11 6 23 41 72 39  
Reading 38 9 20 41 64 36  
Huddersfield 39 9 24 38 57 27

Scottish Premier Division  
Celtic 40 28 10 2 73 21 66  
Hearts 39 21 14 4 70 29 56  
Rangers 40 24 7 9 76 32 55  
Dundee U 39 13 13 13 48 54 52  
Dundee 39 14 13 12 44 40 41  
Hibernian 39 10 16 13 34 39 36  
Motherwell 40 12 8 20 32 52 31  
St Mirren 40 8 15 17 38 59 29  
Falkirk 39 8 11 20 33 63 27  
Dunfermline 39 7 9 23 36 73 23  
Morton 40 3 10 27 25 87 16

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France, April 9, (Reuters): France defeated Australia in the Davis Cup for the first time in over 60 years when they won the doubles to take an unbeatable 3-0 lead in their world group quarterfinals today.

Yannick Noah and Guy Forget beat John Fitzgerald and Wally Masur 6-3 7-5 6-4, securing the first win over Australia since 1925 and only the second in nine Davis Cup confrontations.

Noah and Henri Leconte had put France on the winning track in yesterday's opening singles, although they had more trouble than anticipated in overcoming Australian Davis Cup newcomers Darren Cahill and Mark Woodford.

Australia, failing to qualify for the semifinals for the first time since 1974, missed the inspiration of Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, who was in Norway for the birth of his second child.

Noah and Forget, finalists in last year's French Open, gained the edge in the doubles when they broke Fitzgerald's service in the eighth game of the first set and again in the third game of the second.

## Settled

The Australians levelled at 5-5 after breaking Noah as he served for the set but Fitzgerald was broken once more in the next game and Forget settled it on his ensuing service.

Fitzgerald, who beat both Noah and Leconte in the last France-Australia Davis Cup clash in Sydney in the 1983 semifinals, and Masur had their chances in the third set, setting up break points on four successive French service games.

In Norrkoping, Sweden, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg beat Miloslav Mecir and Tomas Smid 8-6 6-4 8-6 in the doubles to give defending champions Sweden a 2-1 lead over Czechoslovakia.

In Frankfurt, West Germany, Boris Becker and Eric Jelen beat Michael Mortensen and Michael Tauson 6-3 6-4 6-4 in the doubles to give West Germany a winning 3-0 lead over Denmark.

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia took a 2-1 lead over Italy in their Davis Cup world group tennis quarter-final tie when Slobodan Zivjovic and Goran Prpic beat Paolo Canale and Simone Colombo 6-4 6-2 3-6 6-3 in the doubles.

And in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Mushaf Zia defeated Umesh Walloppillai in five grueling sets today to give Pakistan a 1-1 tie with Sri Lanka in the Asia-Oceanic Davis Cup tennis competition.

## 15 drivers register for one-day event

## Entries open for Kuwait car rally

## By Gail Seery

ENTRIES are now being received for Kuwait's next local car rally, to be held on Friday, 15 of Kuwait's drivers have registered for the one-day competition despite the decision by the club to raise the entry fees in order to cover costs. The new entry fee is KD35, and, in the absence of a paying sponsor, without the raise, the rally could not take place.

## Based

This will be the third round of the National Championship, and will be particularly important to those Kuwait drivers who did not do as well as expected in the International Rally last month.

A number of leading drivers will not participate, including current National Championship

leader Josef Miskulnig, who, with navigator Klaus Schwingshlogl was the first locally based entrant home in last month's International Rally.

Miskulnig is out of the country but can be expected to renew his championship bid in the autumn. Meanwhile, Schwingshlogl will be navigating for Peter Freisenberger in the distinctive VW Beetle.

Mohammed Al Hussein may be unable to take part, having written off his Toyota Celica in a roll on the Sulabiya stage of the International. Faez Chihab, Ahmed Al Nasser and Tareq Alyan will all be out to strengthen their championship standings, whereas the former leaders, Ahmed Al Hilal and Tareq Al Wazzan both need wins in order to revitalise their championship hopes.

Ahmed Al Zafiri, who broke

early in the International due to engine problems, will make a return in a surprise new car. Al Zayani, who back Eld Falah and assist Tareq Al Wazzan, have allowed Zafiri to drive the Daihatsu Charade formerly driven by Alyan and Hilal. It is to be hoped that the able driver can make use of their help to gain a good finish in this event.

## Special

Clerk of the Course and chairman of the Organising Committee, Wad Khoury told the Arab Times that competing cars would require "good suspension and a lot of tyres."

Khoury added that the total rally length would be 360km, 140km of which would be run over special stages. There would be two stages, in Maqwa and Sulabiya, and these would each be run five times, making a total

of 10 special stages. These are not quite the same as those used in these areas in the past, and will instead include more twisty and rough sections. The Maqwa stage will be 14.5 km in length and the Sulabiya stage is 13.7 km.

The rally will leave the SAS Hotel at 8.30 am on Friday, April 15, and the first car will return at 4.30 pm. Scrutineering will be held at the KT Club between 4 and 6 pm on Wednesday, and the drivers briefing will take place at 8 pm the same evening.

The following drivers have already entered: Nouri Al Hasawi, Ahmed Al Nasser, Hasan Karmi, Mohammed Jarar, Ahmed Al Hilal, Saeed Ali, Younis Ali, Peter Freisenberger, Eid Falah, Azal Hamdan, Ahmed Al Zafiri, Faez Chihab, Tareq Al Wazzan, Ali Al Birami, and Tareq Al Alyan.

## Rhyme 'n' Reason wins Aintree Grand National

LIVERPOOL, England, April 9, (Reuters): Rhyme 'n' Reason, the class horse of the race, fought back brilliantly in the closing stages today to win the world's greatest steeplechase, the Aintree Grand National.

In one of the finest finishes the race has seen, Rhyme 'n' Reason, ridden by Brendan Powell, seemed to have surrendered the advantage at the final fence to 20-1 chance Durham Edition, the mount of Chris Grant.

## Battled

But in the last 200 metres Rhyme 'n' Reason, the 10-1 joint second favourite, battled back bravely to regain the lead and win by four lengths. Third place, 15 lengths away, went to 33-1 outsider Monanore, ridden by Tom Taaffe, followed by 1986 winner West Tip, under Richard Dunwoody.

Only nine of the 40 runners finished the annual spectacular, which was run at its usual crackling pace.

The big disappointment for backers was Sacred Path, who was backed to 17-2 favourite from 14-1, only to fall at the first fence.

Lean Ar Aghaiah, third last year, once again made much of the running but faded halfway round the second circuit and trailed in ninth and last.

Outsider Little Polveir, winner of last year's Scottish Grand National, looked dangerous in the lead until he fell four fences from home, where Rhyme 'n' Reason, who had survived a mistake when he almost fell at Becher's Brook the first time round, took it up.

Turning into the straight, with the exception of Durham Edition, nothing was going better than Rhyme 'n' Reason.

## Bremen on course to take League title

BONN, April 9, (Reuters): Werder Bremen continued on course to take the West German League title with a 1-0 victory over Waldhof Mannheim today although rivals Bayern Munich stole the limelight with a 3-1 trouncing of Schalke.

Weder, whose UEFA Cup hopes suffered a setback when Bayer Leverkusen beat them 1-0 in their first leg semifinal clash on Wednesday, had little difficulty beating Mannheim despite some inspiring form.

Ulrich Borowka scored the only goal in the 46th minute after a first half when Bremen narrowly missed several times against the defence-minded Mannheim.

Bremen manager Rehagel said after the match that while his team had got the win they wanted "the best thing about the match was the League points it gave us."

Werder remain four points up on Bayern, who displayed a dazzling return to peak form against Schalke after a rocky start, with Lothar Matthaeus scoring three

## goals.

Schalke's Matthias Schipper put his side in the lead after only 11 minutes but when the home side found their form the goals followed fast and furiously.

Matthaeus opened the scoring with a penalty in the 23rd minute and two minutes Michael Rummenigge put Bayern ahead. Juergen Wegmann added a third before Matthaeus scored twice before the half-time whistle.

Bayern eased up slightly in the second half before Hans Dorfner and Wegmann scored in the final stages of the match and Klaus Augenthaler rounded things off in the 90th minute.

Surprise result of the day was Cologne's 1-0 by FC Homburg, threatened with relegation after occupying bottom place in the League table for most of the current season.

The Saarlanders, who have only managed five wins this season, humiliated third-placed Cologne with a 45th-minute header by captain Thomas Dooley.

## Egypt take Arab golf title

EGYPT were easy winners in the three-day Arab Golf Championships at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai yesterday, despite a final-hole disaster by their star player, Mohammed Ramy Taher, which cost him the individual title.

The Egyptians finished with a total of 701 for the 54 holes, 17 strokes ahead of last year's winners Bahrain, with Lebanon in third place and Algeria fourth.

If the winners looked a for-gone conclusion from the first day, few spectators could have imagined the drama of the last.

Going into the 18th hole yesterday, Rami led the talented Palestinian Marwan Mowaffak el Muftakim by one shot and needed only a safe par five to give his country a double victory.

But the Egyptian tried to repeat a highly risky approach that failed for him the day before — driving his first shot down the edge of the 17th to cut off the dogleg.

His third shot ended in casual water, his fifth in the lake for another penalty and he two-putted for a very expensive eight giving him 78 for the day and 233 for fourth place in the individual championship.

Next year's Arab Golf Championship will be held in Tunisia. Arab Golf Championship final table:

Egypt 701, Bahrain 718, Lebanon 731, Algeria 763, Palestine 767, Saudi Arabia 774, Qatar 786, UAE 808, Oman 813, Kuwait 845.

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